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TEXAS
LABOR MARKET REVIEW

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION OCTOBER 1989 AUSTIN, TX 78778

TEXAS POPULATION GROWS ONLY MODERATELY IN '88

1988 Population Estimates Available

The U. S. Census Bureau recently released July 1988 population estimates for Texas counties. These estimates show that many Texas counties and MSA's lost population between 1987 and 1988. Overall, however, the State still recorded an upward trend in population, gaining 59,000 residents between July 1987 and July 1988.

Among the Metropolitan Statistical Areas in Texas, only three MSA's showed more than a two percent growth rate during the year—all of them border areas. Laredo recorded a 2.5 percent gain, while both El Paso and McAllen-Edinburg-Mission showed 2.1 percent increases. The biggest percentage decrease occurred in Abilene, which declined by 1.5 percent over the year.

Despite the modest population increase during the past year, growth rates between 1980 and 1988 were still relatively strong, with only one MSA, Beaumont-Port Arthur, losing population. The largest percentage gains are shown on the **Chart on Page 3.** More information by MSA or County may be obtained from the ERA Department, Texas Employment Commission, Austin, TX 78778, or by calling (512) 463-2841.

Unemployment Drops Seasonally

The actual Statewide jobless rate declined from 7.2 percent in August to 6.3 percent in September, as students and other unsuccessful summer jobseekers withdrew from the labor force. Total unemployment in the actual series dropped by over 88,000 over the month, to a level of 521,000 in mid-September. Total employment also declined between August and September, pushing the civilian labor force total down by over 150,000. There were an estimated 7,744,600 Texans with jobs in mid-September—very close to the level recorded a year ago. An estimated 226,000 of these were agricultural workers.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate decreased even more sharply between August and September, from 7.5 percent to 6.3 percent. The year-ago unemployment rate for Texas was 7.1 percent in both series. Rates for the Nation remained basically stable over the month, with the seasonally adjusted rate up from 5.2 percent to 5.3 percent and the actual rate unchanged at 5.1.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Sep.'89	Aug.'89	Sep.'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	123,828.0	125,444.0	121,842.0
Unemployment	6,330.0	6,352.0	6,368.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.1%**	**5.1%**	**5.2%**
Total Employment	117,498.0	119,092.0	115,474.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,040.0	124,018.0	121,984.0
Unemployment	6,584.0	6,421.0	6,614.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.3%**	**5.2%**	**5.4%**
Total Employment	117,456.0	117,597.0	115,370.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,265.6	8,452.4	8,340.5
Unemployment	521.0	609.7	591.0
Percent Unemployed	**6.3%**	**7.2%**	**7.1%**
Total Employment	7,744.6	7,842.7	7,749.5
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,253.0	8,352.0	8,321.0
Unemployment	516.0	623.0	589.0
Percent Unemployed	**6.3%**	**7.5%**	**7.1%**
Total Employment	7,737.0	7,729.0	7,732.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✚
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Industry	SEP.'89*	AUG.'89**	SEP.'88**	SEP.'89*	AUG.'89**	SEP.'88**	SEP.'89*	AUG.'89**	SEP.'88**	SEP.'89*	AUG.'89**	SEP.'88**
	ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**			**BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR**		
TOTAL	**49,600**	**48,600**	**49,600**	**76,700**	**75,800**	**77,300**	**355,100**	**345,100**	**354,300**	**135,200**	**134,600**	**132,200**
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,900	8,600	8,600	9,500	41,900	42,000	41,600	25,500	25,600	25,200
Mining	1,800	1,900	2,100	1,200	1,300	1,300	700	700	700	1,900	2,000	1,700
Construction	1,800	1,800	2,100	3,900	4,000	3,800	13,000	13,000	14,500	9,700	9,500	8,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,400	2,500	2,400	5,600	5,600	5,600	10,400	10,500	10,400	9,400	9,400	9,500
Trade	13,700	13,700	13,600	22,600	22,300	22,700	76,200	76,100	77,100	32,700	33,000	32,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,000	4,000	4,300	23,900	23,800	24,300	5,200	5,100	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,500	12,800	13,300	17,100	17,500	16,900	86,500	86,400	84,500	30,300	30,900	29,500
Government	8,900	8,400	8,800	13,700	12,500	13,200	102,500	92,600	101,200	20,500	19,100	20,100
	BRAZORIA			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**			**BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION**			**CORPUS CHRISTI**		
TOTAL	**61,200**	**60,800**	**59,400**	**69,800**	**69,200**	**69,000**	**51,200**	**48,800**	**49,200**	**127,300**	**126,400**	**125,000**
Manufacturing	16,000	16,200	15,500	10,400	10,400	10,200	3,600	3,600	3,300	11,400	11,400	11,600
Mining	1,900	2,000	2,000	—	—	—	600	600	700	4,000	4,000	4,300
Construction	7,200	7,400	7,000	2,300	2,200	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	9,700	9,700	8,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,700	2,700	3,100	3,100	3,200	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,500	6,600	6,600
Trade	11,400	11,400	10,900	18,000	18,200	18,100	10,800	10,700	10,900	31,900	32,300	31,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	7,000	7,000	6,800
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,700	8,200	15,500	15,800	15,100	9,200	9,300	9,000	28,800	28,700	29,100
Government	11,300	10,500	11,100	16,900	15,900	16,800	22,000	19,600	20,300	28,000	26,700	27,300
	DALLAS ***			**EL PASO**			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**		
TOTAL	**1,356.4**	**1,347.7**	**1,349.5**	**199,700**	**197,500**	**195,600**	**538,000**	**537,800**	**530,500**	**71,800**	**72,500**	**71,400**
Manufacturing	220.2	220.8	223.4	42,200	42,400	41,500	120,700	121,200	121,000	8,300	8,500	8,000
Mining	17.1	17.3	18.6	—	—	—	3,900	3,800	3,700	500	500	500
Construction	51.1	51.7	53.6	8,200	8,600	9,100	22,900	23,300	22,900	4,800	4,700	4,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	96.7	96.1	92.5	11,000	11,100	10,800	32,200	31,900	30,400	4,600	4,800	4,800
Trade	350.0	350.2	346.7	49,200	48,900	46,400	138,900	139,700	138,100	14,600	14,700	14,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.0	126.8	129.5	8,500	8,500	8,400	27,500	27,300	26,600	4,100	4,100	4,300
Services & Misc.	342.2	340.5	334.1	39,000	39,200	39,400	123,400	125,100	119,900	14,500	14,800	14,200
Government	153.1	144.3	151.1	41,600	38,800	40,000	68,500	65,500	67,900	20,400	20,400	20,900
	HOUSTON ***			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**			**LONGVIEW-MARSHALL**		
TOTAL	**1,480.0**	**1,474.8**	**1,436.9**	**72,700**	**72,200**	**72,000**	**41,000**	**40,100**	**38,600**	**66,500**	**66,400**	**66,600**
Manufacturing	158.4	159.0	155.5	8,600	8,600	8,400	1,900	1,800	1,900	15,300	15,400	15,900
Mining	66.7	66.7	66.8	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,600	3,600	3,700
Construction	90.6	91.4	89.0	3,300	3,500	3,600	1,200	1,300	1,100	3,000	3,200	3,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.7	100.9	101.0	2,700	2,700	2,800	5,700	5,500	4,900	3,200	3,200	3,100
Trade	366.6	368.6	355.3	16,800	16,700	16,600	12,800	12,700	11,100	17,200	17,400	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.8	99.9	101.4	3,100	3,200	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,700	2,700	2,600
Services & Misc.	402.2	402.4	381.0	16,700	16,500	16,300	6,400	6,300	6,300	12,900	12,700	12,400
Government	196.0	185.9	186.9	21,400	20,900	21,200	9,500	9,000	9,800	8,600	8,200	8,300
	LUBBOCK			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**			**MIDLAND**			**ODESSA**		
TOTAL	**96,200**	**94,400**	**94,000**	**95,500**	**94,000**	**93,500**	**43,900**	**43,400**	**44,900**	**42,300**	**41,600**	**43,200**
Manufacturing	7,700	7,700	7,300	14,000	14,100	12,300	2,500	2,500	2,600	3,900	4,000	4,000
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	1,000	9,400	9,400	10,000	5,700	5,600	5,800
Construction	3,200	3,200	3,400	4,300	4,200	4,200	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,800	1,800	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,800	4,600	4,800	3,100	3,100	2,900	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	28,400	28,000	28,200	28,200	28,100	28,900	10,000	10,000	10,200	12,600	12,600	12,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,600	5,400	3,800	3,800	3,700	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,600	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,500	23,500	23,100	16,300	16,200	15,500	9,400	9,500	9,500	7,200	7,100	7,100
Government	22,500	21,400	21,400	24,900	23,600	25,000	6,700	6,100	6,600	7,400	6,800	7,600
	SAN ANGELO			**SAN ANTONIO**			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**		
TOTAL	**36,000**	**35,600**	**36,500**	**506,300**	**502,400**	**501,400**	**36,800**	**36,800**	**37,500**	**46,500**	**45,600**	**44,900**
Manufacturing	5,300	5,400	5,400	48,300	47,700	47,800	10,900	11,200	11,200	7,600	7,700	7,400
Mining	500	500	500	2,100	2,100	2,300	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,200	1,500	22,200	22,300	23,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,800	3,100	19,000	19,000	18,900	1,700	1,700	1,800	2,000	1,900	1,900
Trade	9,100	9,000	9,200	125,800	128,500	129,000	7,800	8,000	7,900	10,800	10,900	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,300	40,300	39,600	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,200	8,200	8,100	129,700	129,900	125,300	8,600	8,200	8,600	9,800	9,700	9,500
Government	7,300	6,700	6,900	118,900	112,600	114,700	4,200	4,100	4,400	12,700	11,800	12,000
	TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**			**WICHITA FALLS**		
TOTAL	**61,100**	**60,400**	**60,300**	**28,000**	**27,800**	**27,300**	**80,100**	**78,900**	**79,500**	**50,400**	**50,100**	**51,000**
Manufacturing	10,400	10,400	10,500	3,000	3,100	3,000	15,200	15,200	14,800	8,000	8,100	8,200
Mining	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,200	1,300	1,600	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,600	1,600	1,500	3,200	3,300	3,800	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,300	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,400	16,200	16,100	7,600	7,800	7,600	18,900	18,900	18,800	12,100	12,100	11,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,400	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,900	4,800	4,900	2,300	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	14,600	14,700	14,700	6,000	6,000	5,900	21,800	20,700	21,400	12,000	11,900	11,900
Government	9,700	9,200	9,200	5,700	5,100	4,800	12,600	12,500	12,400	9,700	9,300	10,000

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Nonfarm Jobs Up Moderately

Had it not been for gains in the educational sectors as auxiliary staff were hired for the fall semester, total **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** would have declined between August and September. The increases in public and private schools and colleges were the only bright spots within the Nonfarm Salaried Jobs count in September, adding over 50,000 positions. In mid-September, there were an estimated 6,808,100 Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in the State, up 31,700 from the August level, and over 125,000 above the year-ago total.

Despite the growth, every major industry sector except Government and Services exhibited cutbacks in September—additional evidence that the State's economic growth continues to waver.

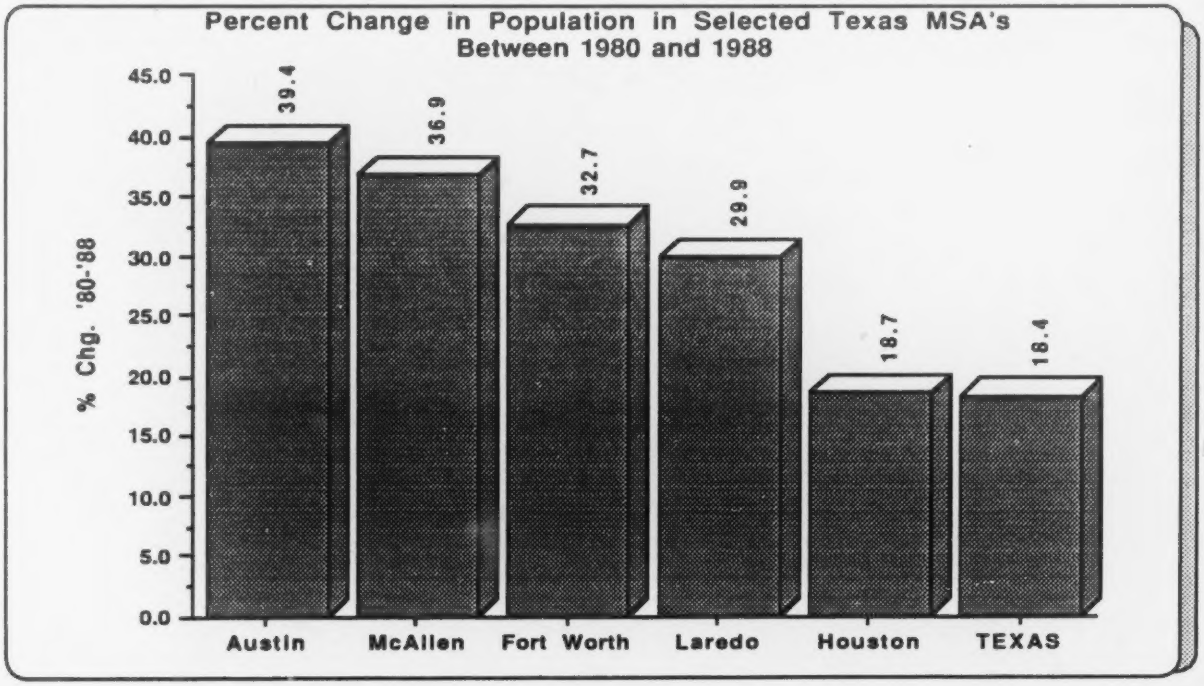
Government employment gained over 43,000 jobs between August and September, due primarily to the hiring of support staff for public schools and colleges. The majority of the growth was in Local Government, which increased by almost 33,000 in spite of declines due to summer recreational programs ending. The semester's start also generated over 10,000 jobs in State Government.

Staffing of private schools and universities pushed Educational Services up by 6,500 in September. Despite the large increase, this segment continued to be over 1,000 jobs below its year-ago level. The strong advance in Education was offset considerably by three sizeable decreases in other Service sectors, leaving **Services** as a whole up by only 2,400 jobs. The largest of these losses was a seasonal decline in the Other Services and Miscellaneous group. Amusement, including Motion Pictures, dropped over 1,000 jobs as recreation parks began reductions; and Hotels and Other Lodging Places also declined seasonally.

The only other Nonmanufacturing sector which did not record a decline over the month was **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**, where a modest increase in the Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate segment was offset by an equal-sized drop in Banking, leaving this industry group unchanged in September.

The largest of the decreases occurred in **Wholesale and Retail Trade**, which lost over 8,000 jobs in September. Most of the cutbacks were, however, seasonal in nature. Eating and Drinking Places lost close to 4,000 jobs as the tourist season ended, lowering its employment back to the May 1989 level. General Merchandise Stores and Apparel and Accessory Stores also cut jobs in September.

After three months of moderate gains, **Mining** recorded a sizeable downturn in September, losing 1,500 jobs. Seasonal declines also occurred in **Construction** over the month, with a cutback of 700 jobs.



TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Sept.'89*	Aug.'89**	Sept.'88**	Chg. from Aug.'89	Chg. from Sept.'89
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,808,100**	**6,776,400**	**6,682,300**	**31,700**	**125,800**
MANUFACTURING	**968,600**	**971,300**	**964,600**	**-2,700**	**4,000**
Durable Goods	**555,700**	**557,200**	**557,800**	**-1,500**	**-2,100**
Lumber & Wood Products	31,900	32,200	34,800	-300	-2,900
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,700	6,800	7,200	-100	-500
Furniture & Fixtures	16,200	15,900	16,200	300	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,300	41,700	41,800	-400	-500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	16,900	17,200	17,300	-300	-400
Primary Metal Industries	28,500	28,700	28,800	-200	-300
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,700	78,000	76,900	-300	800
Fabr. Structuctural Metal Prod.	36,800	36,900	36,300	-100	500
Machinery, exc. Electrical	105,400	105,600	105,300	-200	100
Oil Field Machinery	24,200	24,200	25,500	0	-1,300
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,100	116,600	117,600	-500	-1,500
Transportation Equipment	99,100	99,000	97,700	100	1,400
Aircraft & Parts	57,100	56,900	56,300	200	800
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,800	24,800	24,200	0	600
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,700	14,700	14,500	0	200
Nondurable Goods	**412,900**	**414,100**	**406,800**	**-1,200**	**6,100**
Food & Kindred Products	98,400	98,300	98,200	100	200
Meat Products	29,500	29,500	28,800	0	700
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
Bakery Products	9,800	9,700	9,800	100	0
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	59,500	59,200	56,400	300	3,100
Paper & Allied Products	25,600	25,600	24,900	0	700
Printing & Publishing	74,600	75,200	75,700	-600	-1,100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	34,900	35,400	35,900	-500	-1,000
Chemicals & Allied Products	78,900	79,600	76,800	-700	2,100
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,300	28,400	29,200	-100	-900
Petroleum Refining	25,200	25,400	25,800	-200	-600
Leather & Leather Products	8,100	8,100	8,200	0	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	35,600	35,800	33,600	-200	2,000
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,839,500**	**5,805,100**	**5,717,700**	**34,400**	**121,800**
Mining	**175,800**	**177,300**	**183,900**	**-1,500**	**-8,100**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	8,800	9,000	9,600	-200	-800
Oil & Gas Extraction	167,000	168,300	174,300	-1,300	-7,300
Construction	**317,700**	**318,400**	**329,400**	**-700**	**-11,700**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**403,500**	**404,200**	**394,800**	**-700**	**8,700**
Railroad Transportation	18,900	18,900	20,500	0	-1,600
Transportation, exc. Railroads	227,000	226,900	216,400	100	10,600
Transportation by Air	70,600	70,500	66,200	100	4,400
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	81,600	82,000	81,800	-400	-200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,000	76,400	76,100	-400	-100
Electric Services	40,600	41,000	40,700	-400	-100
Gas Production & Distribution	27,400	27,400	27,700	0	-300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,662,700**	**1,670,900**	**1,656,400**	**-8,200**	**6,300**
Wholesale Trade	417,800	419,600	411,100	-1,800	6,700
Retail Trade	1,244,900	1,251,300	1,245,300	-6,400	-400
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,700	44,000	43,200	-300	500
General Merchandise Stores	171,100	172,500	166,200	-1,400	4,900
Food Stores	217,100	216,600	223,400	500	-6,300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,300	133,400	138,300	-100	-5,000
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,600	84,700	83,800	-1,100	-200
Eating & Drinking Places	415,900	419,600	410,500	-3,700	5,400
Other Retail Trade	180,200	180,500	179,900	-300	300
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**441,900**	**441,900**	**440,100**	**0**	**1,800**
Banking	97,100	97,500	94,500	-400	2,600
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,600	144,600	141,000	0	3,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	200,200	199,800	204,600	400	-4,400
Services	**1,607,600**	**1,605,200**	**1,537,200**	**2,400**	**70,400**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,700	84,700	81,200	-1,000	2,500
Personal Services	85,000	84,600	85,900	400	-900
Business & Repair Services	458,800	458,400	432,000	400	26,800
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	62,200	63,500	57,600	-1,300	4,600
Health Services	442,000	442,300	423,300	-300	18,700
Educational Services	73,800	67,300	74,900	6,500	-1,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	402,100	404,400	382,300	-2,300	19,800
Total Government	**1,230,300**	**1,187,200**	**1,175,900**	**43,100**	**54,400**
Federal Government	199,500	199,600	195,300	-100	4,200
State Government	253,600	243,200	238,400	10,400	15,200
Local Government	777,200	744,400	742,200	32,800	35,000

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,300	53,600	54,000	98,300	99,600	100,100	421,200	421,600	429,100
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,700	3,200	5,600	5,800	5,900	21,700	25,300	24,900
Percent Unemployed	6.0%	6.9%	5.9%	5.7%	5.8%	5.9%	5.2%	6.0%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	50,100	49,900	50,800	92,700	93,800	94,200	399,500	396,300	404,200
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,500	165,400	163,400	84,100	86,100	83,500	98,300	103,000	98,500
Total Unemployment	12,700	15,300	16,200	5,500	6,400	6,400	11,100	13,700	12,100
Percent Unemployed	7.9%	9.3%	9.9%	6.5%	7.4%	7.7%	11.3%	13.3%	12.3%
Total Employment ++	148,800	150,100	147,200	78,600	79,700	77,100	87,200	89,300	86,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,900	59,100	58,400	156,800	160,400	157,700	1,443.0	1,474.0	1,467.3
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,800	2,500	12,100	14,200	14,200	75.6	89.1	83.0
Percent Unemployed	3.8%	4.7%	4.3%	7.7%	8.9%	9.0%	5.2%	6.0%	5.7%
Total Employment ++	57,600	56,300	55,900	144,700	146,200	143,500	1,367.4	1,384.9	1,384.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	245,700	248,500	248,600	685,700	708,200	692,500	105,100	109,400	107,900
Total Unemployment	23,900	26,700	28,200	36,800	46,000	42,000	7,500	8,300	9,100
Percent Unemployed	9.7%	10.7%	11.3%	5.4%	6.5%	6.1%	7.1%	7.6%	8.4%
Total Employment ++	221,800	221,800	220,400	648,900	662,200	650,500	97,600	101,100	98,800
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,641.7	1,681.7	1,626.8	95,700	98,300	96,200	49,000	49,500	47,500
Total Unemployment	92.7	108.5	106.4	6,400	7,500	7,500	5,100	5,600	5,700
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	6.5%	6.5%	6.7%	7.6%	7.8%	10.4%	11.3%	12.0%
Total Employment ++	1,549.0	1,573.2	1,520.4	89,300	90,800	88,700	43,900	43,900	41,800
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,900	81,400	80,200	114,600	116,200	114,600	151,600	153,300	151,200
Total Unemployment	6,200	7,200	6,600	5,100	6,500	5,800	25,900	27,000	26,600
Percent Unemployed	7.9%	8.8%	8.2%	4.5%	5.6%	5.1%	17.1%	17.6%	17.6%
Total Employment ++	72,700	74,200	73,600	109,500	109,700	108,800	125,700	126,300	124,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,600	49,500	49,700	51,500	52,600	53,400	44,500	44,700	45,600
Total Unemployment	2,800	3,300	2,800	4,000	4,900	4,100	2,600	2,700	2,800
Percent Unemployed	5.8%	6.7%	5.6%	7.8%	9.3%	7.7%	5.8%	6.0%	6.1%
Total Employment ++	45,800	46,200	46,900	47,500	47,700	49,300	41,900	42,000	42,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	600,900	615,100	611,700	47,400	48,100	49,400	57,500	58,500	57,200
Total Unemployment	41,900	48,700	48,400	2,600	2,800	3,500	3,500	4,100	4,500
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	7.9%	7.9%	5.5%	5.8%	7.1%	6.1%	7.0%	7.9%
Total Employment ++	559,000	566,400	563,300	44,800	45,300	45,900	54,000	54,400	52,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,300	75,700	74,500	36,400	37,100	36,400	91,900	94,500	93,300
Total Unemployment	5,100	5,600	5,600	2,100	2,400	2,500	4,900	6,400	6,000
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	7.4%	7.5%	5.8%	6.5%	6.9%	5.3%	6.8%	6.4%
Total Employment ++	69,200	70,100	68,900	34,300	34,700	33,900	87,000	88,100	87,300
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,300	57,600	57,800				8,265.6	8,452.4	8,340.5
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,700	3,500				521.0	609.7	591.0
Percent Unemployed	5.7%	6.4%	6.1%				6.3%	7.2%	7.1%
Total Employment ++	53,100	53,900	54,300				7,744.6	7,842.7	7,749.5

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✚

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	SEP.'89	AUG.'89	SEP.'88	SEP.'89	AUG.'89	SEP.'88	SEP.'89	AUG.'89	SEP.'88
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 429.48	$ 424.96	$ 415.42	41.9	41.5	41.5	$ 10.25	$10.24	$10.01
Durable Goods	430.50	426.36	415.38	42.0	41.8	42.0	10.25	10.20	9.89
Lumber & Wood Products	295.82	289.88	303.60	41.2	40.6	42.7	7.18	7.14	7.11
Furniture & Fixtures	263.55	265.69	272.92	38.7	38.9	39.9	6.81	6.83	6.84
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	392.92	401.63	393.64	41.8	42.5	42.1	9.40	9.45	9.35
Primary Metal Industries	458.89	463.70	445.46	42.1	41.7	41.4	10.90	11.12	10.76
Fabricated Metal Products	388.24	384.86	382.08	42.2	42.2	42.5	9.20	9.12	8.99
Machinery, exc. Electric	425.63	423.61	427.68	42.1	41.9	43.2	10.11	10.11	9.90
Oil Field Machinery	499.93	499.05	464.81	43.7	43.7	43.4	11.44	11.42	10.71
Electric & Electronic Equip.	492.26	477.77	445.46	42.4	41.8	41.4	11.61	11.43	10.76
Transportation Equipment	575.48	563.64	544.85	43.4	42.7	42.5	13.26	13.20	12.82
Instruments & Related Prod.	400.66	393.16	378.58	40.8	40.2	39.6	9.82	9.78	9.56
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	294.00	286.60	269.18	39.2	39.1	37.7	7.50	7.33	7.14
Nondurable Goods	429.48	423.95	416.56	41.9	41.2	41.0	10.25	10.29	10.16
Food & Kindred Products	363.05	357.79	344.75	43.9	42.9	42.3	8.27	8.34	8.15
Meat Products	291.50	280.69	256.01	44.1	42.4	41.9	6.61	6.62	6.11
Malt Beverages	861.65	773.80	888.86	46.5	42.1	49.0	18.53	18.38	18.14
Textile Mill Products	336.05	329.28	325.16	43.7	43.1	44.3	7.69	7.64	7.34
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	204.91	198.65	194.18	38.3	37.2	36.5	5.35	5.34	5.32
Paper & Allied Products	494.56	491.81	467.20	44.0	43.6	43.1	11.24	11.28	10.84
Printing & Publishing	408.33	401.17	392.56	39.0	38.5	38.6	10.47	10.42	10.17
Chemicals & Allied Products	690.34	680.09	669.38	43.2	42.8	42.5	15.98	15.89	15.75
Petroleum & Coal Products	712.00	687.31	694.32	44.5	43.2	44.0	16.00	15.91	15.78
Petroleum Refining	739.47	710.79	722.92	44.6	43.0	44.0	16.58	16.53	16.43
Leather & Leather Products	245.39	238.34	218.31	39.2	39.2	38.1	6.26	6.08	5.73
Other Nondurable Goods	384.64	396.77	401.46	41.9	42.3	42.8	9.18	9.38	9.38
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	534.48	512.92	496.36	40.8	39.7	39.3	13.10	12.92	12.63
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	569.53	564.53	532.04	47.9	47.4	44.3	11.89	11.91	12.01
Oil & Gas Extraction	531.96	508.30	493.25	40.3	39.1	38.9	13.20	13.00	12.68
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	518.89	517.10	504.98	40.1	39.9	39.7	12.94	12.96	12.72
Elec., Gas & San. Services	507.83	507.06	484.01	40.4	40.5	40.1	12.57	12.52	12.07
Wholesale & Retail Trade	238.20	237.21	230.30	32.9	32.9	32.3	7.24	7.21	7.13
Wholesale Trade	421.08	413.96	399.75	39.8	39.5	39.0	10.58	10.48	10.25
Retail Trade	183.26	183.86	179.38	30.8	30.9	30.3	5.95	5.95	5.92
General Merchandise Stores	182.08	182.40	174.04	29.8	30.0	29.3	6.11	6.08	5.94
Banking	274.54	272.32	268.27	36.9	37.0	36.8	7.44	7.36	7.29

HOURS AND EARNINGS
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TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 433.05	$ 433.02	$ 418.74	41.8	42.0	42.0	$ 10.36	$ 10.31	$ 9.97
Durable Goods	467.57	466.32	443.30	42.7	42.9	42.3	10.95	10.87	10.48
Nondurable Goods	377.74	376.00	378.48	40.4	40.3	41.5	9.35	9.33	9.12
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	465.09	447.70	448.75	41.6	40.7	41.9	11.18	11.00	10.71
Durable Goods	492.40	470.49	469.11	41.8	40.7	42.3	11.78	11.56	11.09
Nondurable Goods	402.68	392.60	400.98	41.3	40.6	41.0	9.75	9.67	9.78
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	523.60	516.03	487.77	44.0	43.4	42.9	11.90	11.89	11.37
Durable Goods	436.01	430.99	410.48	44.4	43.8	43.3	9.82	9.84	9.48
Nondurable Goods	630.32	619.05	583.53	43.5	42.9	42.5	14.49	14.43	13.73
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	306.82	304.67	291.21	40.8	40.3	39.3	7.52	7.56	7.41
Durable Goods	339.90	340.30	313.58	41.3	41.0	39.1	8.23	8.30	8.02
Nondurable Goods	278.76	273.24	271.07	40.4	39.6	39.4	6.90	6.90	6.88

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✚ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Employment in **Transportation and Public Utilities** also decreased by 700 over the month, with losses in Communication and in Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services.

Manufacturing continued its downward trend for the third consecutive month, losing 2,700 jobs in September. The decreases were about equal-sized in both Durable and Nondurable Goods, but only the Durable Goods sector was currently below its year-ago level. None of the over-the-month declines in either sector was large.

In **Durable Goods,** the largest downturn was in Electric and Electronic Equipment, which lost 500 jobs. Within **Nondurable Goods**, the biggest decrease was a drop of 700 in Chemicals and Allied Products.

Hours and Earnings Rise

Average Weekly Hours worked by the 629,400 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers in September rose by 0.4 hour, while **Average Hourly Earnings** inched upward by 1¢, pushing **Average Weekly Earnings** up by $4.52 from the August level.

In mid-September, the average worker was earning $10.25 per hour for a 41.9-hour work week, and averaging $429.48 per week. Compared to a year ago, Average Weekly Hours had risen by 0.4 hour.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	SEP '89	SEP '88
Total Population	16,905,400*	16,846,600*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.6
UI Covered Employers	309,550	311,425
Total Claims Actions	476,879	495,856
Total Initial Claims Actions	59,758	59,289
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	417,121	436,567
Total Placements	34,152	33,357
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$152.74	$149.80
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$50,297,069	$56,441,386

*Revised.

**Regular State UI benefits.

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Abilene	$952,063
Amarillo	1,724,906
Austin	7,489,229
Beaumont-Port Arthur	4,134,313
Brazoria	1,817,887
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,208,997
Bryan-College Station	711,980
Corpus Christi	3,538,035
Dallas	28,089,263
El Paso	5,706,006
Fort Worth-Arlington	13,826,926
Galveston-Texas City	2,272,544
Houston	32,722,669
Killeen-Temple	1,263,681
Laredo	1,101,028
Longview-Marshall	1,962,698
Lubbock	1,326,933
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5,655,447
Midland	1,248,313
Odessa	1,559,850
San Angelo	711,827
San Antonio	11,944,990
Sherman-Denison	877,409
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	580,324
Tyler	1,549,588
Victoria	585,887
Waco	1,533,822
Wichita Falls	1,124,635
State of Texas	176,454,865

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TEXAS ECONOMY STABILIZES

Economic Conditions Improve

The Texas economy demonstrated improvement over the month, as the actual unemployment rate declined from 6.3 percent in September to 6.0 percent in October. The current unemployment rate was well below the 6.8 percent recorded in October 1988 and was the lowest October rate since 1984.

The current jobless rate was very close to the rate recorded in May 1989—before the acceleration of summer jobseekers pushed unemployment upward. The number of jobless Texans declined by almost 21,000, totaling 500,100 in mid-October. Total employment was estimated at 7,792,500, up by 47,900 from the September level. Of the total employed in October, 214,400 were agricultural workers.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate was basically unchanged over the month, edging upward from 6.3 percent to 6.4 percent in October. The rates for the U. S. in both series were also stable between September and October. The seasonally adjusted rate remained at 5.3 percent for both months, while the actual rate for the Nation inched down from 5.1 percent to 5.0 percent in October.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Increase

The number of **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Jobs** in the State rose by over 35,000 between September and October, to a level of 6,843,500. Although the month-to-month increase was slightly below the advance shown for the same period last year, this gain was the largest thus far in 1989—further evidence that the State's economy has stabilized. The number of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs was pushed upward primarily by the completion of staffing at private and public schools. Only two major industry groups lost jobs in October, and those decreases were moderate.

The largest declines over the month were in the Retail sector of Trade, which is currently close to 4,000 jobs short of its year-ago level. The **Wholesale and Retail Trade** group lost only 600 jobs in October, as Wholesale Trade added 600 positions. Within Retail Trade, there were two noteable upturns—in General Merchandise Stores and

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Oct.'89	Sep.'89	Oct.'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	124,416.0	123,828.0	122,432.0
Unemployment	6,222.0	6,330.0	6,182.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.0%**	**5.1%**	**5.0%**
Total Employment	118,194.0	117,498.0	116,250.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,106.0	124,040.0	122,091.0
Unemployment	6,561.0	6,584.0	6,518.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.3%**	**5.3%**	**5.3%**
Total Employment	117,545.0	117,456.0	115,573.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,292.6	8,265.6	8,324.3
Unemployment	500.1	521.0	567.7
Percent Unemployed	**6.0%**	**6.3%**	**6.8%**
Total Employment	7,792.5	7,744.6	7,756.6
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,287.0	8,253.0	8,309.0
Unemployment	534.0	516.0	601.0
Percent Unemployed	**6.4%**	**6.3%**	**7.2%**
Total Employment	7,753.0	7,737.0	7,708.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	OCT.'89*	SEP.'89**	OCT.'88**	OCT.'89*	SEP.'89**	OCT.'88**	OCT.'89*	SEP.'89**	OCT.'88**	OCT.'89*	SEP.'89**	OCT.'88**
Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	**49,600**	**49,600**	**49,800**	**76,900**	**76,700**	**77,400**	**357,700**	**356,200**	**355,500**	**135,700**	**135,200**	**133,100**
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,900	8,700	8,500	9,400	42,300	42,000	41,700	25,500	25,600	25,300
Mining	1,900	1,800	2,100	1,100	1,200	1,300	700	700	700	2,000	1,900	1,700
Construction	1,700	1,800	2,100	4,000	4,000	3,800	12,800	12,900	14,300	9,900	9,700	8,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,400	2,500	5,600	5,600	5,500	10,500	10,400	10,400	9,400	9,400	9,400
Trade	13,600	13,700	13,700	22,500	22,600	22,800	76,800	76,700	76,700	32,500	32,600	32,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,000	4,000	4,300	23,800	23,900	24,300	5,200	5,200	5,200
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,500	13,200	17,200	17,100	16,800	86,800	86,400	84,700	30,500	30,300	29,700
Government	9,000	8,900	8,900	13,800	13,700	13,500	104,000	103,200	102,700	20,700	20,500	20,500
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	**61,800**	**60,800**	**59,500**	**70,400**	**69,700**	**69,400**	**52,500**	**52,100**	**50,900**	**128,100**	**127,100**	**125,100**
Manufacturing	16,000	16,000	15,500	10,200	10,100	10,100	3,700	3,700	3,300	11,300	11,300	11,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000	—	—	—	600	600	600	3,900	4,000	4,200
Construction	7,400	7,200	7,000	2,100	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,000	10,100	9,600	8,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,800	2,600	3,000	3,000	3,200	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,400	6,500	6,600
Trade	11,500	11,500	11,000	18,300	18,000	18,400	10,800	10,800	10,900	31,600	31,900	31,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,600	1,600	1,600	1,500	7,000	7,000	6,900
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,700	8,300	16,100	15,900	15,400	9,000	9,100	9,000	29,200	29,100	28,700
Government	11,400	10,800	11,100	17,100	16,800	16,800	23,400	22,900	22,100	28,600	27,700	27,900
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	**1,365.3**	**1,359.2**	**1,350.5**	**199,100**	**199,500**	**195,700**	**540,500**	**540,000**	**530,400**	**70,600**	**71,700**	**71,100**
Manufacturing	219.9	220.3	222.9	41,700	42,200	40,700	121,000	121,000	121,300	8,300	8,300	8,200
Mining	16.9	17.1	18.2	—	—	—	4,000	3,900	3,700	500	500	500
Construction	51.2	51.2	53.1	8,000	8,100	9,000	23,000	22,900	22,700	4,600	4,800	4,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	97.3	96.9	92.0	10,900	10,900	10,700	32,600	32,400	30,300	4,800	4,700	4,800
Trade	353.4	350.1	347.8	49,300	49,100	46,300	139,300	139,400	137,700	13,700	14,700	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.1	125.7	128.3	8,300	8,300	8,400	27,200	27,200	26,700	4,000	4,100	4,300
Services & Misc.	345.4	343.6	336.9	38,900	39,100	39,500	123,100	123,700	119,100	14,400	14,500	13,900
Government	155.1	154.3	151.3	42,000	41,800	41,100	70,300	69,500	68,900	20,300	20,100	20,900
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	**1,486.0**	**1,479.8**	**1,449.4**	**72,400**	**72,500**	**71,700**	**41,600**	**41,200**	**39,200**	**66,800**	**66,700**	**66,700**
Manufacturing	158.6	158.4	155.8	8,400	8,500	8,400	1,900	1,900	1,900	15,300	15,300	15,700
Mining	67.2	66.6	67.2	100	100	100	1,800	1,900	1,900	3,600	3,600	3,700
Construction	90.2	90.5	89.2	3,300	3,300	3,700	1,200	1,200	1,100	3,100	3,200	3,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.5	100.7	101.0	2,700	2,700	2,700	5,700	5,700	4,900	3,200	3,200	3,100
Trade	365.7	366.1	357.0	16,700	16,700	16,400	13,300	12,900	11,400	17,200	17,200	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.6	100.0	101.1	3,100	3,100	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,700	2,700	2,600
Services & Misc.	404.1	402.9	385.3	16,600	16,700	16,100	6,500	6,500	6,400	13,100	13,000	12,400
Government	200.1	194.6	192.8	21,500	21,400	21,300	9,600	9,500	10,000	8,600	8,500	8,500
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	**97,400**	**96,500**	**94,300**	**96,000**	**94,800**	**97,400**	**43,800**	**43,800**	**44,800**	**42,400**	**42,200**	**43,200**
Manufacturing	7,600	7,700	7,400	13,600	13,700	13,200	2,500	2,500	2,600	3,900	3,900	4,000
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	1,000	9,400	9,400	9,900	5,700	5,700	5,700
Construction	3,200	3,200	3,300	4,000	4,200	4,200	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,800	1,800	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,900	4,800	4,800	3,100	3,100	3,100	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	29,100	28,400	28,200	28,900	28,500	30,900	9,900	10,000	10,100	12,600	12,600	12,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,700	5,400	4,000	3,800	3,700	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,600	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,600	23,800	23,000	16,500	16,300	15,800	9,400	9,400	9,600	7,200	7,100	7,200
Government	23,000	22,500	21,800	25,000	24,300	25,500	6,800	6,700	6,600	7,500	7,400	7,500
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	**36,000**	**35,900**	**36,600**	**509,700**	**506,700**	**504,700**	**37,100**	**36,800**	**37,500**	**47,000**	**46,600**	**45,200**
Manufacturing	5,400	5,300	5,300	47,600	47,500	47,700	11,000	10,900	11,100	7,600	7,600	7,500
Mining	500	500	500	2,100	2,100	2,300	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,500	22,000	22,200	23,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	3,100	18,900	18,900	19,000	1,700	1,700	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	9,100	9,100	9,200	126,100	126,800	128,500	7,800	7,800	8,000	10,900	10,800	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,600	40,400	39,900	1,800	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,000	8,100	8,100	130,300	129,700	126,200	8,700	8,600	8,500	9,900	9,900	9,500
Government	7,400	7,300	7,100	122,100	119,100	117,400	4,300	4,300	4,400	13,000	12,700	12,200
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	**62,000**	**61,100**	**60,600**	**28,200**	**28,500**	**27,300**	**80,300**	**79,900**	**80,300**	**50,700**	**50,300**	**51,100**
Manufacturing	11,400	10,800	10,500	3,100	3,000	3,000	15,100	15,200	14,900	8,100	8,000	8,200
Mining	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,300	1,200	1,500	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,600	1,600	1,500	3,000	3,200	3,800	2,000	2,000	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	1,300	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,300	16,400	16,000	7,600	7,800	7,500	18,700	18,800	18,600	12,200	12,100	12,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,300	3,400	1,500	1,600	1,500	4,900	4,800	4,900	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,800	14,700	14,800	6,000	6,200	6,000	22,100	21,800	21,800	12,000	11,900	12,000
Government	9,400	9,200	9,500	5,800	5,700	4,900	13,000	12,600	12,800	9,800	9,700	9,900

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in the Other Retail Trade category, which includes specialty stores. Expansion in these sectors indicates the beginning of holiday hiring which should accelerate in the next two months.

The decrease in Retail Trade was concentrated in Eating and Drinking Places, where attrition normally occurs following the summer months. Employers in this sector deleted over 5,000 jobs in October.

The only other major industry which declined over the month was **Construction**, where employment dropped by 400 leaving the industry 13,000 jobs below its year-ago level. Since February of this year, however, Construction has regained close to 20,000 jobs Statewide (**see Chart below**).

The largest number of accessions between September and October were concentrated in education, as auxiliary staffing of private and public schools and colleges was completed. In State and Local Government, there were an additional 23,000 jobs created over the month, primarily within educational facilities. Combined with these large gains was a moderate increase in Federal Government, pushing the **Government** total up by 24,000.

Hiring of part-time faculty members for private schools and universities generated a sizeable number of new jobs in Educational Services. Other Services and Miscellaneous recorded the largest increase within **Services** in October. The growth was due to additions in fraternal and parent-teacher organizations associated with the beginning of the school year. Business and Repair Services also registered a moderate increase. The only downturn within Services was a seasonal downturn in Amusements, Including Motion Pictures, as remaining outdoor parks began closing for the winter.

A moderate increase in Transportation by Air and in Other Passenger Transit was the only significant change within **Transportation and Public Utilities**, which rose by 1,400 over the month. Other sectors of this group were basically unchanged.

After a sizeable drop in employment between August and September, Oil and Gas Extraction added only 400 jobs in October, leaving the **Mining** total very close to its June 1989 level.

Another sector which reflected little change during the past month was **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**, which rose by only 200 jobs in October. A modest increase in Banking was partially nullified by a decline in Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate.

Following three consecutive months of fairly sharp decreases, the Durable Goods sector of Manufacturing inched upward by only 300 jobs between September and October. The Nondurable Goods segment, however, recorded fairly strong growth,

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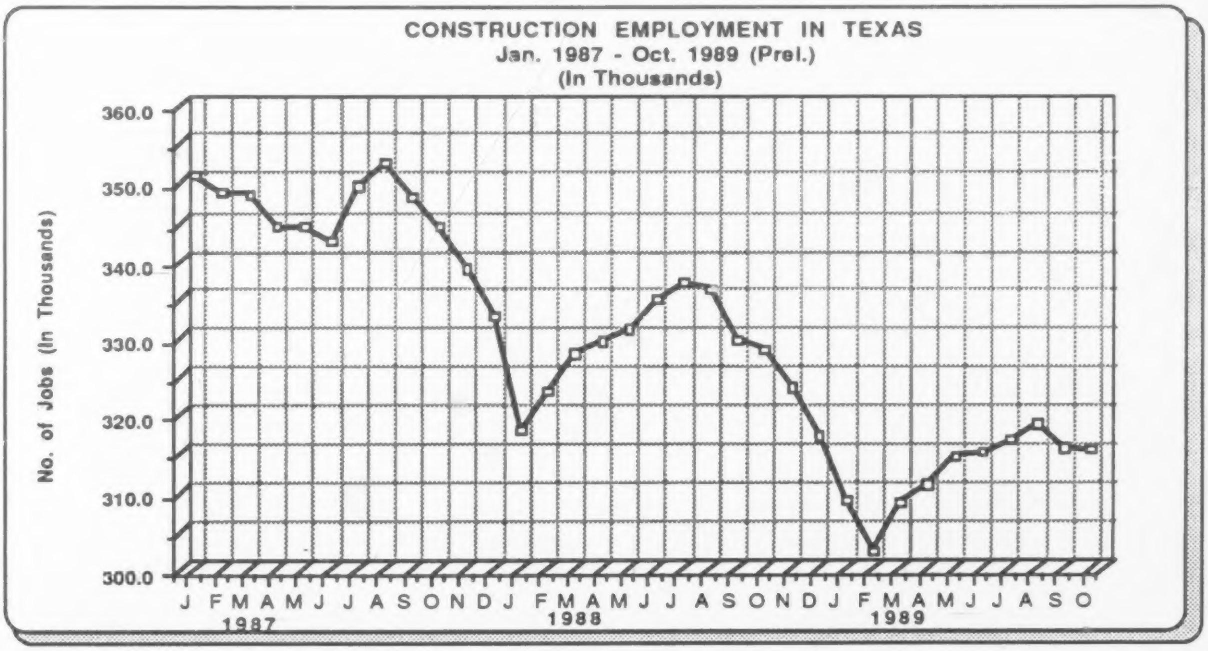
CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT IN TEXAS
Jan. 1987 - Oct. 1989 (Prel.)
(In Thousands)

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Oct.'89*	Sep.'89**	Oct.'88**	Chg. from Sep.'89	Chg. from Oct.'88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,843,500**	**6,807,900**	**6,720,900**	**35,600**	**122,600**
MANUFACTURING	**970,100**	**968,100**	**966,400**	**2,000**	**3,700**
Durable Goods	**555,200**	**554,900**	**559,000**	**300**	**-3,800**
Lumber & Wood Products	31,900	31,900	34,600	0	-2,700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,800	6,800	7,100	0	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,700	16,300	16,400	400	300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,300	41,300	41,700	0	-400
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod	16,800	16,900	17,200	-100	-400
Primary Metal Industries	28,600	28,400	28,600	200	0
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,600	78,000	77,000	-400	600
Fabr. Structuctural Metal Prod	36,900	37,000	36,300	-100	600
Machinery, exc. Electrical	104,500	104,600	105,700	-100	-1,200
Oil Field Machinery	24,000	24,000	25,600	0	-1,600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	115,900	116,000	117,800	-100	-1,900
Transportation Equipment	99,100	98,900	98,200	200	900
Aircraft & Parts	57,200	57,000	56,500	200	700
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,800	24,800	24,200	0	600
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,800	14,700	14,800	100	0
Nondurable Goods	**414,900**	**413,200**	**407,400**	**1,700**	**7,500**
Food & Kindred Products	98,600	98,500	98,300	100	300
Meat Products	29,500	29,500	28,800	0	700
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
Bakery Products	9,800	9,800	9,900	0	-100
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod	59,400	59,200	56,600	200	2,800
Paper & Allied Products	25,600	25,500	25,100	100	500
Printing & Publishing	75,000	74,700	75,500	300	-500
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc	35,000	34,900	35,600	100	-600
Chemicals & Allied Products	80,000	79,400	77,000	600	3,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,300	28,300	29,000	0	-700
Petroleum Refining	25,200	25,200	25,700	0	-500
Leather & Leather Products	8,200	8,100	8,300	100	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	35,900	35,600	33,800	300	2,100
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,873,400**	**5,839,800**	**5,754,500**	**33,600**	**118,900**
Mining	**176,700**	**176,300**	**183,300**	**400**	**-6,600**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	8,900	8,900	9,200	0	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	167,800	167,400	174,100	400	-6,300
Construction	**315,100**	**315,500**	**328,100**	**-400**	**-13,000**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**406,500**	**405,100**	**394,800**	**1,400**	**11,700**
Railroad Transportation	19,000	19,000	20,500	0	-1,500
Transportation, exc. Railroads	229,300	228,200	216,700	1,100	12,600
Transportation by Air	71,200	70,600	66,000	600	5,200
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	81,900	81,700	81,700	200	200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,300	76,200	75,900	100	400
Electric Services	40,800	40,800	40,700	0	100
Gas Production & Distribution	27,400	27,400	27,500	0	-100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,663,100**	**1,663,700**	**1,660,000**	**-600**	**3,100**
Wholesale Trade	418,600	418,000	411,900	600	6,700
Retail Trade	1,244,500	1,245,700	1,248,100	-1,200	-3,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,800	43,800	42,600	0	1,200
General Merchandise Stores	174,100	171,600	168,700	2,500	5,400
Food Stores	217,800	217,200	225,100	600	-7,300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,200	133,400	137,100	-200	-3,900
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,700	84,000	83,400	-300	300
Eating & Drinking Places	410,100	415,300	409,700	-5,200	400
Other Retail Trade	181,800	180,400	181,500	1,400	300
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**441,500**	**441,300**	**438,800**	**200**	**2,700**
Banking	97,400	97,100	94,200	300	3,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,200	144,100	140,900	100	3,300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	199,900	200,100	203,700	-200	-3,800
Services	**1,617,100**	**1,608,500**	**1,547,200**	**8,600**	**69,900**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,700	83,400	82,300	300	1,400
Personal Services	85,400	85,000	86,000	400	-600
Business & Repair Services	460,500	458,800	434,000	1,700	26,500
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	59,400	61,000	55,600	-1,600	3,800
Health Services	443,400	442,400	424,800	1,000	18,600
Educational Services	77,100	74,800	77,300	2,300	-200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	407,600	403,100	387,200	4,500	20,400
Total Government	**1,253,400**	**1,229,400**	**1,202,300**	**24,000**	**51,100**
Federal Government	200,100	199,400	195,300	700	4,800
State Government	261,500	256,000	245,700	5,500	15,800
Local Government	791,800	774,000	761,300	17,800	30,500

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	OCT.'89*	SEP.'89**	OCT.'88**	OCT.'89*	SEP.'89**	OCT.'88**	OCT.'89*	SEP.'89**	OCT.'88**
		ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,700	53,500	54,300	97,800	98,300	100,000	421,400	419,900	426,300
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,200	3,100	4,800	5,500	6,100	20,500	21,600	24,000
Percent Unemployed	**5.8%**	**6.0%**	**5.7%**	**4.9%**	**5.6%**	**6.1%**	**4.9%**	**5.1%**	**5.6%**
Total Employment ++	50,600	50,300	51,200	93,000	92,800	93,900	400,900	398,300	402,300
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			**BRAZORIA**			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,100	161,900	163,200	84,300	83,800	83,300	99,800	98,600	99,100
Total Unemployment	12,100	12,800	15,200	5,100	5,500	5,900	11,000	11,200	11,500
Percent Unemployed	**7.5%**	**7.9%**	**9.3%**	**6.0%**	**6.6%**	**7.1%**	**11.0%**	**11.4%**	**11.6%**
Total Employment ++	150,000	149,100	148,000	79,200	78,300	77,400	88,800	87,400	87,600
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			**CORPUS CHRISTI**			**DALLAS*****	
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,500	60,900	60,500	156,800	156,100	157,400	1,450.3	1,443.0	1,460.0
Total Unemployment	2,400	2,300	2,700	11,300	12,100	13,700	72.6	75.4	82.0
Percent Unemployed	**3.9%**	**3.8%**	**4.5%**	**7.2%**	**7.8%**	**8.7%**	**5.0%**	**5.2%**	**5.6%**
Total Employment ++	59,100	58,600	57,800	145,500	144,000	143,700	1,377.7	1,367.6	1,378.0
		EL PASO			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	244,500	245,000	244,400	687,800	686,400	687,200	103,600	104,500	105,800
Total Unemployment	23,800	24,000	25,700	34,800	36,700	40,300	7,400	7,400	8,400
Percent Unemployed	**9.7%**	**9.8%**	**10.5%**	**5.1%**	**5.3%**	**5.9%**	**7.1%**	**7.1%**	**7.9%**
Total Employment ++	220,700	221,000	218,700	653,000	649,700	646,900	96,200	97,100	97,400
		HOUSTON***			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,650.8	1,645.2	1,634.3	96,300	96,000	96,600	49,900	49,200	48,000
Total Unemployment	88.7	93.0	100.9	6,600	6,500	7,800	4,900	5,100	5,600
Percent Unemployed	**5.4%**	**5.7%**	**6.2%**	**6.9%**	**6.8%**	**8.1%**	**9.8%**	**10.4%**	**11.7%**
Total Employment ++	1,562.1	1,552.2	1,533.4	89,700	89,500	88,800	45,000	44,100	42,400
		LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			**LUBBOCK**			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,300	79,200	80,500	115,400	114,600	114,200	153,800	150,600	156,400
Total Unemployment	5,800	6,200	6,800	4,700	5,100	5,700	25,200	26,000	25,300
Percent Unemployed	**7.3%**	**7.8%**	**8.4%**	**4.1%**	**4.5%**	**5.0%**	**16.4%**	**17.3%**	**16.2%**
Total Employment ++	73,500	73,000	73,700	110,700	109,500	108,500	128,600	124,600	131,100
		MIDLAND			**ODESSA**			**SAN ANGELO**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,900	48,800	49,700	51,000	51,300	52,900	44,400	44,600	45,700
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,900	2,700	3,600	4,000	3,900	2,400	2,600	2,700
Percent Unemployed	**5.5%**	**5.9%**	**5.4%**	**7.1%**	**7.8%**	**7.4%**	**5.4%**	**5.8%**	**5.9%**
Total Employment ++	46,200	45,900	47,000	47,400	47,300	49,000	42,000	42,000	43,000
		SAN ANTONIO			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	602,900	600,100	609,100	47,000	47,000	48,500	58,000	57,400	57,300
Total Unemployment	40,800	41,800	46,000	2,400	2,600	3,200	3,400	3,500	4,300
Percent Unemployed	**6.8%**	**7.0%**	**7.6%**	**5.1%**	**5.5%**	**6.6%**	**5.9%**	**6.1%**	**7.5%**
Total Employment ++	562,100	558,300	563,100	44,600	44,400	45,300	54,600	53,900	53,000
		TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,200	74,600	75,000	36,400	36,800	36,100	92,700	92,100	93,700
Total Unemployment	4,700	5,100	5,400	1,900	2,100	2,300	4,800	4,900	5,700
Percent Unemployed	**6.3%**	**6.8%**	**7.2%**	**5.2%**	**5.7%**	**6.4%**	**5.2%**	**5.3%**	**6.1%**
Total Employment ++	70,500	69,500	69,600	34,500	34,700	33,800	87,900	87,200	88,000
		WICHITA FALLS						**STATE OF TEXAS*****	
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,100	56,200	57,300				8,292.6	8,265.6	8,324.3
Total Unemployment	2,900	3,200	3,200				500.1	521.0	567.7
Percent Unemployed	**5.2%**	**5.7%**	**5.6%**				**6.0%**	**6.3%**	**6.8%**
Total Employment ++	53,200	53,000	54,100				7,792.5	7,744.6	7,756.6

+ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT.'89	SEP.'89	OCT.'88	OCT.'89	SEP.'89	OCT.'88	OCT.'89	SEP.'89	OCT.'88
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 429.29	$ 429.70	$ 418.42	41.8	41.8	41.8	$ 10.27	$10.28	$10.01
Durable Goods	425.98	430.92	420.88	41.6	42.0	42.3	10.24	10.26	9.95
Lumber & Wood Products	290.09	289.44	296.49	40.8	40.2	41.7	7.11	7.20	7.11
Furniture & Fixtures	261.29	265.00	275.26	38.2	38.8	40.9	6.84	6.83	6.73
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	401.32	391.56	406.50	42.2	41.7	42.7	9.51	9.39	9.52
Primary Metal Industries	464.57	465.63	451.86	41.9	42.1	41.8	11.09	11.06	10.81
Fabricated Metal Products	393.69	388.81	385.15	42.7	42.4	42.7	9.22	9.17	9.02
Machinery, exc. Electric	416.07	424.37	429.54	41.4	42.1	43.3	10.05	10.08	9.92
Oil Field Machinery	502.85	514.05	488.12	43.2	44.2	44.7	11.64	11.63	10.92
Electric & Electronic Equip.	479.22	489.41	440.18	42.0	42.3	41.1	11.41	11.57	10.71
Transportation Equipment	566.75	578.99	574.60	42.2	43.5	44.2	13.43	13.31	13.00
Instruments & Related Prod.	385.73	397.76	380.80	39.4	40.3	40.0	9.79	9.87	9.52
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	285.22	299.09	278.14	38.7	40.2	38.9	7.37	7.44	7.15
Nondurable Goods	433.02	429.51	415.30	42.0	41.7	41.2	10.31	10.30	10.08
Food & Kindred Products	363.15	363.58	336.49	43.7	43.7	41.8	8.31	8.32	8.05
Meat Products	296.76	288.42	254.59	45.1	43.9	41.6	6.58	6.57	6.12
Malt Beverages	783.13	861.65	813.54	42.4	46.5	45.5	18.47	18.53	17.88
Textile Mill Products	324.36	336.05	325.82	42.4	43.7	43.5	7.65	7.69	7.49
Apparel & Other Text. Prods	211.18	201.63	195.75	39.4	37.9	37.5	5.36	5.32	5.22
Paper & Allied Products	488.32	496.81	469.78	43.6	44.2	43.7	11.20	11.24	10.75
Printing & Publishing	407.16	407.94	402.19	39.0	39.0	39.2	10.44	10.46	10.26
Chemicals & Allied Products	709.81	691.55	669.96	43.6	42.9	42.7	16.28	16.12	15.69
Petroleum & Coal Products	713.41	709.24	699.54	44.7	44.3	44.5	15.96	16.01	15.72
Petroleum Refining	739.91	737.04	729.05	44.6	44.4	44.4	16.59	16.60	16.42
Leather & Leather Products	248.40	243.18	222.90	40.0	38.6	38.9	6.21	6.30	5.73
Other Nondurable Goods	388.83	386.82	391.13	41.9	42.0	42.7	9.28	9.21	9.16
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	529.02	530.64	514.90	40.6	40.6	40.8	13.03	13.07	12.62
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	537.28	553.14	550.13	46.0	46.6	46.7	11.68	11.87	11.78
Oil & Gas Extraction	528.23	529.43	512.27	40.2	40.2	40.4	13.14	13.17	12.68
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	523.40	519.30	491.60	40.2	40.1	38.8	13.02	12.95	12.67
Elec., Gas & San. Services	529.72	512.09	482.60	41.0	41.0	39.3	12.92	12.49	12.28
Wholesale & Retail Trade	239.04	238.96	232.44	32.7	32.6	32.6	7.31	7.33	7.13
Wholesale Trade	423.06	421.48	404.09	40.1	39.8	39.5	10.55	10.59	10.23
Retail Trade	183.31	183.62	181.15	30.4	30.4	30.6	6.03	6.04	5.92
General Merchandise Stores	181.49	181.78	174.05	29.9	29.8	29.6	6.07	6.10	5.88
Banking	295.37	274.91	281.01	39.7	37.0	38.6	7.44	7.43	7.28

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 436.96	$ 433.47	$ 415.75	42.3	41.8	41.7	$ 10.33	$ 10.37	$ 9.97
Durable Goods	468.50	465.19	442.04	43.1	42.6	42.3	10.87	10.92	10.45
Nondurable Goods	385.81	382.05	371.59	41.0	40.6	40.7	9.41	9.41	9.13
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	456.62	461.03	456.60	41.1	41.2	42.2	11.11	11.19	10.82
Durable Goods	482.10	487.34	482.78	41.1	41.3	42.8	11.73	11.80	11.28
Nondurable Goods	396.20	398.52	392.76	41.1	41.0	40.7	9.64	9.72	9.65
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	519.91	525.92	500.98	43.8	43.9	44.1	11.87	11.98	11.36
Durable Goods	434.17	438.57	427.00	43.9	44.3	44.9	9.89	9.90	9.51
Nondurable Goods	624.91	630.88	589.96	43.7	43.3	43.0	14.30	14.57	13.72
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	299.09	302.94	298.45	40.2	40.5	39.9	7.44	7.48	7.48
Durable Goods	334.96	333.74	321.75	40.7	40.9	39.0	8.23	8.16	8.25
Nondurable Goods	267.98	276.98	277.98	39.7	40.2	40.7	6.75	6.89	6.83

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

increasing by 1,700 jobs over the month. Expansion in this sector pushed the **Manufacturing** total up by 2,000 in October.

Employment in **Durable Goods** has fluctuated throughout 1989. The September employment level for this sector was the lowest since April 1988, and the addition of 300 jobs in October did little to alleviate the losses.

The largest increase in Durable Goods over the month was an increase of 400 jobs in Furniture and Fixtures. Smaller advances occurred in Primary Metal Industries and in Transportation Equipment. These increases were largely offset by declines in Fabricated Metal Industries, Nonelectrical Machinery, and in Electric and Electronic Equipment.

Two Durable Goods industries were showing significant over-the-year declines. Electric and Electronic Equipment, where much of the "high-tech" manufacturing is concentrated, had declined by almost 2,000 jobs from October 1988. The Oil Field Machinery segment of Nonelectrical Machinery was responsible for the loss of 1,600 jobs between October 1988 and October 1989. A small portion of that decrease was offset by modest growth in other portions of this industry.

There were no decreases in October within **Nondurable Goods**, although a few industries remained unchanged over the month. The largest gain was recorded in Chemicals and Allied Products, where 600 jobs were added as demand increased. Printing and Publishing rose by 300 in October, while Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products recorded a smaller gain. Minor increases were also reported in Paper and Allied Products and in Leather and Leather Products.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	OCT.'89	OCT.'88
Total Population	16,910,300*	16,851,500*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.6
UI Covered Employers	311,882	311,410
Total Claims Actions	531,447	468,966
Total Initial Claims Actions	68,520	61,500
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	462,927	407,466
Total Placements	37,263	32,488
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$152.48	$149.44
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$59,232,123	$51,467,194

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

Average Weekly Earnings Decline

For the estimated 628,600 Texas Manufacturing Production workers, Average Hourly Earnings decreased by 1¢ between September and October, while Average Weekly Hours worked remained unchanged, dropping Average Weekly Earnings by 41¢ over the month. Most of the decline in the number of hours worked was centered in the Durable Goods sector.

In mid-October a worker, on average, was earning $10.27 per hour for a 41.8-hour week and making $429.29 in Weekly Earnings. Although the number of hours worked was unchanged both from a month ago and a year ago, Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 26¢ over the year, pushing Average Weekly Earnings up by $10.87 from the October 1988 level.

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SPECIAL THANKS!

During this Holiday Season, we at the Texas Employment Commission wish to once again take the opportunity to thank all those who have participated in our various programs throughout the year. Your continued cooperation makes many of these programs possible. Best wishes to all Texas employers for a prosperous New Year in 1990!

Unemployment Rises Over Month

The number of jobless Texans rose considerably between October and November, as the unemployment rate in the actual series rose from 6.0 percent to 6.9 percent over the month. There were over 75,000 more people looking for jobs in November, with unemployment totaling 575,300 at mid-month. Total employment declined slightly, to a level of 7,751,800 in November. The current unemployment rate was also slightly above the 6.6 percent recorded in November 1988.

Unemployment also rose in the seasonally adjusted series, where the November rate was 7.2 percent compared to 6.4 percent in October. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate inched upward from 5.3 percent to 5.4 percent in November, while the rate in the actual series increased from 5.0 percent to 5.2 percent over the month.

Wage and Salary Employment Rises

The number of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas rose by almost 25,000 between October and November, to a new record high. **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** totaled 6,857,600 in November, an increase of 115,000 from the year-ago level.

The bulk of the over-the-month growth was due to hiring for the Christmas season

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Nov.'89	Oct.'89	Nov.'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	124,663.0	124,416.0	122,639.0
Unemployment	6,495.0	6,222.0	6,325.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.2%**	**5.0%**	**5.2%**
Total Employment	118,168.0	118,194.0	116,314.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,515.0	124,106.0	122,510.0
Unemployment	6,729.0	6,561.0	6,563.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.4%**	**5.3%**	**5.4%**
Total Employment	117,786.0	117,545.0	115,947.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,327.1	8,292.6	8,365.7
Unemployment	575.3	500.1	548.5
Percent Unemployed	**6.9%**	**6.0%**	**6.6%**
Total Employment	7,751.8	7,792.5	7,817.2
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,265.0	8,287.0	8,308.0
Unemployment	597.0	534.0	583.0
Percent Unemployed	**7.2%**	**6.4%**	**7.0%**
Total Employment	7,668.0	7,753.0	7,725.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✚

Industry	NOV.'89*	OCT.'89**	NOV.'88**	NOV.'89*	OCT.'89**	NOV.'88**	NOV.'89*	OCT.'89**	NOV.'88**	NOV.'89*	OCT.'89**	NOV.'88**
		ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**			**BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR**	
TOTAL	**49,700**	**49,600**	**49,800**	**76,800**	**76,600**	**77,000**	**359,200**	**357,900**	**356,400**	**136,500**	**135,700**	**134,000**
Manufacturing	5,100	5,100	4,900	8,600	8,700	9,100	42,200	42,400	41,500	25,600	25,500	25,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,100	1,100	1,100	1,300	700	700	700	2,000	2,000	1,900
Construction	1,700	1,700	2,100	3,800	3,800	3,700	12,900	12,900	14,100	10,000	9,900	9,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,400	5,700	5,600	5,500	10,600	10,500	10,500	9,500	9,400	9,400
Trade	13,700	13,600	13,800	22,800	22,500	22,900	77,300	76,700	77,100	32,900	32,500	32,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400	4,000	4,000	4,300	23,800	23,800	24,300	5,200	5,200	5,200
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,400	13,100	17,100	17,200	16,600	86,600	86,700	84,600	30,500	30,500	29,600
Government	9,000	9,000	9,000	13,700	13,700	13,600	105,100	104,200	103,600	20,800	20,700	20,600
		BRAZORIA			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**			**BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION**			**CORPUS CHRISTI**	
TOTAL	**61,900**	**61,600**	**59,900**	**70,800**	**70,100**	**69,300**	**53,000**	**52,300**	**51,500**	**127,600**	**127,500**	**125,700**
Manufacturing	16,000	16,000	15,600	10,200	10,100	10,000	3,600	3,700	3,400	11,400	11,400	11,300
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,900	—	—	—	500	600	600	4,000	4,000	4,300
Construction	7,500	7,400	7,200	2,200	2,200	2,100	1,700	1,800	2,000	10,000	9,900	8,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,600	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,600	1,500	1,500	6,200	6,400	6,500
Trade	11,400	11,300	11,200	18,500	18,000	18,100	11,200	10,700	11,000	31,900	31,800	31,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	6,900	6,900	7,000
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,700	8,300	16,200	16,200	15,500	9,300	9,000	9,100	29,300	29,300	28,700
Government	11,600	11,500	11,100	17,000	16,900	16,900	23,500	23,400	22,300	27,900	27,800	28,000
		DALLAS ***			**EL PASO**			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**	
TOTAL	**1,368.7**	**1,365.9**	**1,351.9**	**200,700**	**199,900**	**196,100**	**543,600**	**541,700**	**529,400**	**71,000**	**71,000**	**71,400**
Manufacturing	220.8	220.2	223.1	40,600	41,400	40,600	120,800	121,000	121,300	8,600	8,400	8,300
Mining	16.9	16.9	18.3	—	—	-	4,000	4,000	3,700	500	500	500
Construction	50.5	51.0	52.4	8,200	8,000	8,800	23,100	23,000	22,400	4,800	4,600	5,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	97.5	97.1	92.3	10,800	10,900	10,700	32,600	32,700	30,400	4,800	4,800	4,600
Trade	357.1	353.2	351.0	50,300	49,500	46,700	140,200	139,200	137,500	13,800	13,900	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	125.5	125.9	128.1	8,300	8,300	8,400	27,200	27,100	26,500	4,000	4,000	4,200
Services & Misc.	344.6	345.6	335.0	39,100	38,700	39,400	123,800	123,400	118,200	14,300	14,500	13,900
Government	155.8	156.0	151.7	43,400	43,100	41,500	71,900	71,300	69,400	20,200	20,300	20,900
		HOUSTON ***			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**			**LONGVIEW-MARSHALL**	
TOTAL	**1,495.0**	**1,487.9**	**1,455.6**	**72,200**	**72,400**	**72,000**	**42,400**	**42,000**	**39,400**	**67,100**	**66,800**	**66,100**
Manufacturing	158.3	158.5	155.8	8,500	8,500	8,400	2,000	2,100	1,900	15,500	15,300	15,600
Mining	67.1	67.0	67.2	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900	3,600	3,600	3,600
Construction	91.3	91.1	87.7	3,100	3,300	3,700	1,300	1,300	1,000	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.9	100.6	101.5	2,600	2,700	2,700	5,900	5,800	5,000	3,200	3,200	3,000
Trade	370.2	365.8	362.0	16,700	16,600	16,500	13,400	13,200	11,600	17,400	17,200	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.4	99.5	101.2	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,600	2,700	2,600
Services & Misc.	406.3	405.5	385.9	16,500	16,600	16,200	6,700	6,600	6,400	13,000	13,000	12,200
Government	201.5	199.9	194.3	21,600	21,500	21,300	9,700	9,600	10,000	8,600	8,600	8,500
		LUBBOCK			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**			**MIDLAND**			**ODESSA**	
TOTAL	**98,000**	**97,200**	**95,000**	**97,800**	**95,800**	**99,500**	**44,300**	**43,900**	**45,000**	**42,500**	**42,300**	**43,100**
Manufacturing	7,500	7,600	7,500	14,000	13,700	14,000	2,500	2,500	2,700	3,900	3,900	4,000
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,500	9,400	9,900	5,800	5,700	5,800
Construction	3,300	3,200	3,200	4,100	4,200	4,200	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,700	1,800	2,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,100	4,900	4,800	3,100	3,100	3,200	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	29,200	28,900	28,300	30,100	29,000	31,700	10,200	10,000	10,200	12,900	12,600	12,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,500	3,800	3,700	3,700	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,600	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,900	23,700	23,100	16,700	16,500	16,200	9,400	9,400	9,600	7,100	7,100	7,200
Government	23,000	22,900	22,200	25,100	24,700	25,600	6,900	6,800	6,600	7,400	7,500	7,500
		SAN ANGELO			**SAN ANTONIO**			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**	
TOTAL	**36,200**	**36,000**	**36,900**	**510,500**	**509,200**	**505,700**	**37,200**	**37,100**	**37,100**	**47,200**	**46,900**	**45,200**
Manufacturing	5,300	5,400	5,400	47,800	47,600	47,900	10,900	11,000	10,900	7,600	7,600	7,500
Mining	500	500	500	2,100	2,100	2,200	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,500	21,900	21,900	23,200	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	3,100	19,000	18,900	19,000	1,600	1,600	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	9,100	9,100	9,300	127,100	126,100	129,200	8,100	7,900	7,900	10,900	10,800	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,500	40,700	39,600	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,200	8,000	8,100	129,400	130,000	126,000	8,700	8,700	8,500	9,900	9,800	9,500
Government	7,500	7,400	7,200	122,700	121,900	118,600	4,300	4,300	4,400	13,200	13,100	12,200
		TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**			**WICHITA FALLS**	
TOTAL	**61,300**	**61,100**	**60,800**	**29,100**	**28,200**	**27,300**	**80,300**	**80,200**	**80,300**	**50,700**	**50,700**	**51,300**
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	10,700	3,100	3,100	3,000	15,200	15,200	14,900	8,000	8,000	8,300
Mining	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,400	1,300	1,400	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,600	1,600	1,400	3,000	3,000	3,600	2,000	2,000	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,500	2,500	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,400	3,400	3,400	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,200	16,200	16,300	7,900	7,600	7,700	19,000	18,700	18,800	12,300	12,200	12,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,300	3,400	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,800	4,800	4,900	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,700	14,800	14,500	6,000	6,000	6,100	22,000	22,200	21,700	12,100	12,000	11,900
Government	9,600	9,400	9,500	6,300	5,800	4,900	12,800	12,800	12,900	9,700	9,900	10,000

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in several sectors of Retail Trade. Although these additions comprised about two-thirds of the total increase in November, every major industry group except Manufacturing recorded at least a modest gain over the month.

Employers in **Wholesale and Retail Trade** created almost 17,000 jobs in November. Half of these positions were in General Merchandise Stores—the sector which usually hires the largest number of seasonal workers. Other Retail Trade, which includes jewelry and other specialty stores, as well as catalog firms, also increased substantially. Apparel and Accessory Stores added over 2,000 jobs for the Christmas rush. The other Retail Trade sector which rose considerably in November was Eating and Drinking Places, which benefited from holiday shoppers eating out.

Some sizeable gains and a few small losses kept the increase in **Services** to a moderate level in November. Only two sectors showed strong increases—Business and Repair Services and Health Services. More business and new contracts brought gains in Business Services, while a large portion of the increase in Personal Services was centered among Laundry, Cleaning and Garment Services. Within Health Services, a number of large medical facilities expanded to provide additional services, pushing employment upward. Losses occurred in Educational Services and in Amusement, including Motion Pictures.

Final hiring of auxiliary staff for the fall semester at local schools and colleges pushed employment up in Local Government, and all sectors of Federal Government rose in November, pushing total employment in **Government** up by over 3,000. State Government was basically unchanged between October and November.

Mining registered its largest over-the-month increase since June, with a gain of 900 jobs, primarily in Oil and Gas Extraction. This industry is still over 5,000 below its year-ago level, and has even lost jobs since January 1989.

All three sectors of **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate** generated small gains in November, pushing the total up by 800. The largest of the additions occurred among Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers, while Banking and the Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate sector recorded only minimal growth.

Departing from normal seasonal trends, **Transportation and Public Utilities** recorded a total gain of only 100 jobs in November. Within Transportation, which usually expands to accommodate holiday travelers, layoffs following the bankruptcy of an air carrier actually pushed employment down over the month. Modest increases in

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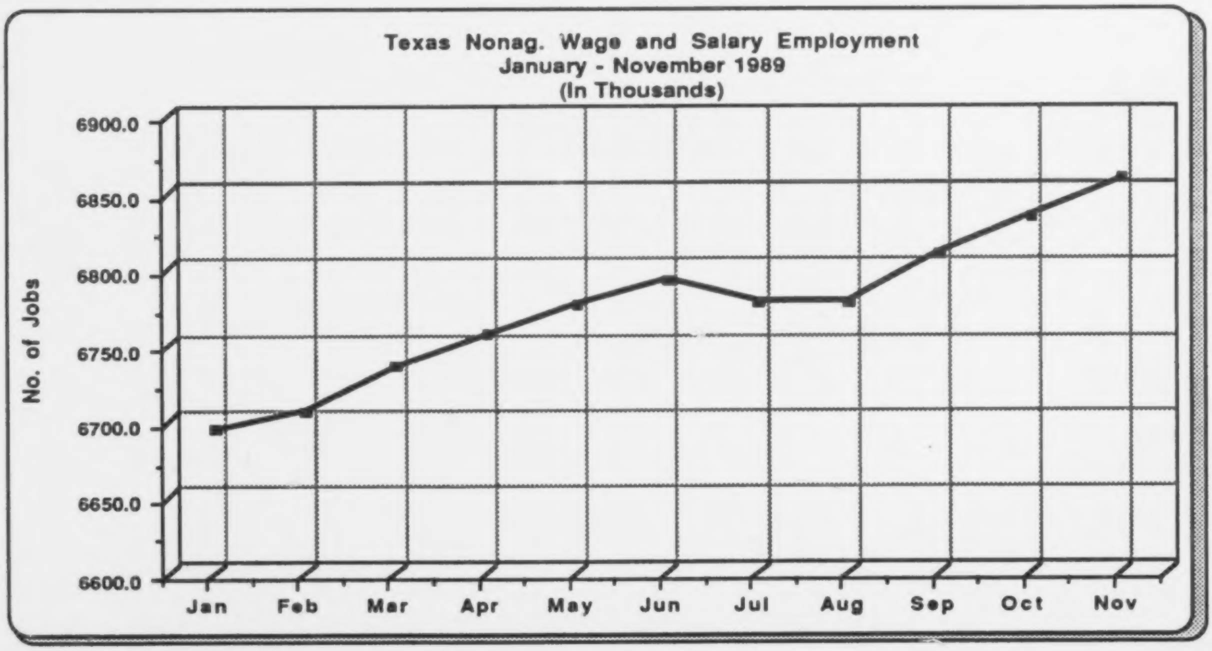

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Nov.'89*	Oct.'89**	Nov.'88**	Chg. from Oct.'89	Chg. from Nov.'88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,857,600**	**6,832,800**	**6,742,200**	**24,800**	**115,400**
MANUFACTURING	**969,900**	**970,400**	**967,700**	**-500**	**2,200**
Durable Goods	**554,300**	**555,300**	**558,400**	**-1,000**	**-4,100**
Lumber & Wood Products	31,800	32,000	34,000	-200	-2,200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,800	6,800	7,100	0	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,700	16,700	16,500	0	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,200	41,400	42,000	-200	-800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	16,600	16,900	17,300	-300	-700
Primary Metal Industries	28,400	28,500	28,600	-100	-200
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,900	77,600	77,000	300	900
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,100	37,000	36,300	100	800
Machinery, exc. Electrical	104,300	104,600	105,300	-300	-1,000
Oil Field Machinery	23,800	24,000	25,400	-200	-1,600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	116,000	115,900	117,500	100	-1,500
Transportation Equipment	98,700	99,200	98,500	-500	200
Aircraft & Parts	57,400	57,200	56,800	200	600
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,600	24,600	24,200	0	400
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,700	14,800	14,800	-100	-100
Nondurable Goods	**415,600**	**415,100**	**409,300**	**500**	**6,300**
Food & Kindred Products	99,400	98,800	98,900	600	500
Meat Products	29,800	29,600	29,200	200	600
Dairy Products	4,400	4,500	4,600	-100	-200
Bakery Products	9,800	9,800	10,000	0	-200
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	3,100	0	-200
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	59,600	59,600	56,900	0	2,700
Paper & Allied Products	25,700	25,600	25,200	100	500
Printing & Publishing	75,000	75,000	75,700	0	-700
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	34,900	34,800	35,900	100	-1,000
Chemicals & Allied Products	79,900	80,000	77,200	-100	2,700
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,400	28,300	28,900	100	-500
Petroleum Refining	25,300	25,200	25,600	100	-300
Leather & Leather Products	8,400	8,200	8,400	200	0
Other Nondurable Goods	35,300	35,700	34,300	-400	1,000
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,887,700**	**5,862,400**	**5,774,500**	**25,300**	**113,200**
Mining	**177,300**	**176,400**	**182,700**	**900**	**-5,400**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	8,800	8,900	9,200	-100	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	168,500	167,500	173,500	1,000	-5,000
Construction	**315,400**	**315,400**	**323,200**	**0**	**-7,800**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**405,800**	**405,700**	**395,400**	**100**	**10,400**
Railroad Transportation	18,700	18,700	19,700	0	-1,000
Transportation, exc. Railroads	228,200	228,600	217,800	-400	10,400
Transportation by Air	70,600	70,900	66,400	-300	4,200
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	82,400	82,200	81,800	200	600
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,500	76,200	76,100	300	400
Electric Services	40,700	40,600	40,700	100	0
Gas Production & Distribution	27,600	27,400	27,700	200	-100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,680,500**	**1,663,700**	**1,672,400**	**16,800**	**8,100**
Wholesale Trade	418,900	418,100	412,800	800	6,100
Retail Trade	1,261,600	1,245,600	1,259,600	16,000	2,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,200	43,700	42,400	-500	800
General Merchandise Stores	181,800	173,900	177,000	7,900	4,800
Food Stores	218,700	218,200	226,600	500	-7,900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	132,300	133,000	135,800	-700	-3,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	86,100	84,000	85,600	2,100	500
Eating & Drinking Places	413,700	410,600	408,800	3,100	4,900
Other Retail Trade	185,800	182,200	183,400	3,600	2,400
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**441,700**	**440,900**	**439,200**	**800**	**2,500**
Banking	97,400	97,200	95,200	200	2,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,900	144,400	141,000	500	3,900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	199,400	199,300	203,000	100	-3,600
Services	**1,621,100**	**1,617,700**	**1,549,800**	**3,400**	**71,300**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,400	83,900	82,200	500	2,200
Personal Services	85,900	85,200	85,700	700	200
Business & Repair Services	461,600	460,300	435,400	1,300	26,200
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	59,100	59,400	55,200	-300	3,900
Health Services	444,800	443,600	426,300	1,200	18,500
Educational Services	78,300	79,000	78,200	-700	100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	407,000	406,300	386,800	700	20,200
Total Government	**1,245,900**	**1,242,600**	**1,211,800**	**3,300**	**34,100**
Federal Government	200,800	199,500	196,200	1,300	4,600
State Government	261,600	261,700	247,100	-100	14,500
Local Government	783,500	781,400	768,500	2,100	15,000

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	NOV.'89*	OCT.'89**	NOV.'88**	NOV.'89*	OCT.'89**	NOV.'88**	NOV.'89*	OCT.'89**	NOV.'88**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,500	53,500	54,500	97,600	97,300	99,800	423,300	422,500	429,700
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,100	3,000	5,600	4,800	5,900	22,300	20,400	22,800
Percent Unemployed	**6.2%**	**5.8%**	**5.5%**	**5.7%**	**4.9%**	**5.9%**	**5.3%**	**4.8%**	**5.3%**
Total Employment ++	50,200	50,400	51,500	92,000	92,500	93,900	401,000	402,100	406,900
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,900	161,800	164,000	84,600	84,200	83,500	100,800	99,700	98,400
Total Unemployment	14,400	12,100	14,700	6,200	5,100	5,900	12,400	11,000	10,900
Percent Unemployed	**8.8%**	**7.5%**	**9.0%**	**7.3%**	**6.1%**	**7.1%**	**12.3%**	**11.0%**	**11.1%**
Total Employment ++	148,500	149,700	149,300	78,400	79,100	77,600	88,400	88,700	87,500
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,400	61,200	61,000	157,200	156,300	158,000	1,452.3	1,451.5	1,467.5
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,400	2,500	13,300	11,300	12,900	81.1	72.6	77.8
Percent Unemployed	**4.4%**	**3.9%**	**4.1%**	**8.5%**	**7.2%**	**8.2%**	**5.6%**	**5.0%**	**5.3%**
Total Employment ++	58,700	58,800	58,500	143,900	145,000	145,100	1,371.2	1,378.9	1,389.7
		EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
Total Civilian Labor Force	248,800	245,900	244,900	691,600	688,900	690,200	104,500	104,200	106,400
Total Unemployment	28,000	23,800	24,800	40,400	34,800	38,500	8,600	7,500	7,900
Percent Unemployed	**11.3%**	**9.7%**	**10.1%**	**5.8%**	**5.1%**	**5.6%**	**8.2%**	**7.2%**	**7.4%**
Total Employment ++	220,800	222,100	220,100	651,200	654,100	651,700	95,900	96,700	98,500
		HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,655.9	1,649.1	1,643.3	96,200	96,100	96,700	51,700	49,900	48,700
Total Unemployment	99.4	88.6	97.1	7,400	6,600	7,200	6,400	4,900	5,700
Percent Unemployed	**6.0%**	**5.4%**	**5.9%**	**7.7%**	**6.9%**	**7.4%**	**12.4%**	**9.8%**	**11.7%**
Total Employment ++	1,556.5	1,560.5	1,546.2	88,800	89,500	89,500	45,300	45,000	43,000
		LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION	
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,400	79,000	80,000	116,000	115,000	115,300	160,400	154,100	160,600
Total Unemployment	6,600	5,800	6,400	5,400	4,600	5,300	29,700	25,300	25,200
Percent Unemployed	**8.3%**	**7.3%**	**8.0%**	**4.7%**	**4.0%**	**4.6%**	**18.5%**	**16.4%**	**15.7%**
Total Employment ++	72,800	73,200	73,600	110,600	110,400	110,000	130,700	128,800	135,400
		MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,800	48,700	50,000	51,200	51,000	53,300	44,700	44,200	45,800
Total Unemployment	3,000	2,700	2,700	3,900	3,600	3,900	2,900	2,400	2,500
Percent Unemployed	**6.1%**	**5.5%**	**5.4%**	**7.6%**	**7.1%**	**7.3%**	**6.5%**	**5.4%**	**5.5%**
Total Employment ++	45,800	46,000	47,300	47,300	47,400	49,400	41,800	41,800	43,300
		SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA	
Total Civilian Labor Force	605,800	603,500	612,300	47,200	47,000	48,500	58,500	58,000	57,900
Total Unemployment	46,300	40,700	43,700	2,900	2,400	3,000	3,900	3,400	4,200
Percent Unemployed	**7.6%**	**6.7%**	**7.1%**	**6.1%**	**5.1%**	**6.2%**	**6.7%**	**5.9%**	**7.3%**
Total Employment ++	559,500	562,800	568,600	44,300	44,600	45,500	54,600	54,600	53,700
		TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,700	74,600	75,300	37,200	36,500	36,200	92,800	92,500	94,000
Total Unemployment	5,100	4,700	5,200	2,200	1,900	2,100	5,800	4,800	5,300
Percent Unemployed	**6.8%**	**6.3%**	**6.9%**	**5.9%**	**5.2%**	**5.8%**	**6.3%**	**5.2%**	**5.6%**
Total Employment ++	69,600	69,900	70,100	35,000	34,600	34,100	87,000	87,700	88,700
		WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,500	56,300	57,900				8,327.1	8,292.6	8,365.7
Total Unemployment	3,600	2,900	3,200				575.3	500.1	548.5
Percent Unemployed	**6.4%**	**5.2%**	**5.5%**				**6.9%**	**6.0%**	**6.6%**
Total Employment ++	52,900	53,400	54,700				7,751.8	7,792.5	7,817.2

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✢

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	NOV.'89	OCT.'89	NOV.'88	NOV.'89	OCT.'89	NOV.'88	NOV.'89	OCT.'89	NOV.'88
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 426.82	$ 427.43	$ 418.42	41.6	41.7	41.8	$ 10.26	$10.25	$10.01
Durable Goods	428.87	425.98	417.48	41.8	41.6	42.0	10.26	10.24	9.94
Lumber & Wood Products	292.33	295.30	290.28	40.1	41.3	41.0	7.29	7.15	7.08
Furniture & Fixtures	271.99	262.36	266.38	38.8	38.3	40.3	7.01	6.85	6.61
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	395.78	398.16	396.58	41.4	42.0	42.1	9.56	9.48	9.42
Primary Metal Industries	469.53	466.07	451.02	42.3	41.8	41.8	11.10	11.15	10.79
Fabricated Metal Products	394.48	392.90	390.96	42.6	42.8	43.2	9.26	9.18	9.05
Machinery, exc. Electric	431.11	420.58	430.57	42.6	41.6	43.1	10.12	10.11	9.99
Oil Field Machinery	518.97	507.48	497.96	44.7	43.3	44.5	11.61	11.72	11.19
Electric & Electronic Equip.	477.66	477.24	445.05	41.9	41.9	41.4	11.40	11.39	10.75
Transportation Equipment	563.92	563.64	552.11	42.4	42.0	42.7	13.30	13.42	12.93
Instruments & Related Prod.	395.52	384.34	372.17	40.4	39.5	39.3	9.79	9.73	9.47
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	302.13	293.83	272.31	40.5	39.6	38.3	7.46	7.42	7.11
Nondurable Goods	424.76	429.29	418.74	41.4	41.8	41.5	10.26	10.27	10.09
Food & Kindred Products	356.40	359.82	338.21	43.2	43.3	41.6	8.25	8.31	8.13
Meat Products	290.61	291.94	247.04	43.7	44.1	40.3	6.65	6.62	6.13
Malt Beverages	768.75	786.82	766.26	42.1	42.6	43.0	18.26	18.47	17.82
Textile Mill Products	333.65	323.17	321.29	43.5	42.3	43.3	7.67	7.64	7.42
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	195.52	208.26	203.84	37.1	39.0	39.2	5.27	5.34	5.20
Paper & Allied Products	497.25	489.92	478.24	44.2	43.9	44.2	11.25	11.16	10.82
Printing & Publishing	408.60	404.42	405.67	39.1	38.7	39.5	10.45	10.45	10.27
Chemicals & Allied Products	686.74	694.22	672.10	43.3	43.2	42.7	15.86	16.07	15.74
Petroleum & Coal Products	710.74	715.65	703.56	44.2	44.7	44.0	16.08	16.01	15.99
Petroleum Refining	737.26	742.14	733.72	44.2	44.6	44.2	16.68	16.64	16.60
Leather & Leather Products	246.21	253.26	244.90	40.1	40.2	39.5	6.14	6.30	6.20
Other Nondurable Goods	380.26	384.29	391.49	40.8	41.5	42.6	9.32	9.26	9.19
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	525.44	527.80	499.82	40.7	40.6	39.7	12.91	13.00	12.59
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	545.26	557.64	517.36	45.1	46.9	44.6	12.09	11.89	11.60
Oil & Gas Extraction	523.99	525.82	499.20	40.4	40.2	39.4	12.97	13.08	12.67
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	506.97	512.32	499.50	39.7	39.9	39.3	12.77	12.84	12.71
Elec., Gas & San. Services	515.75	529.31	479.81	40.9	41.0	39.2	12.61	12.91	12.24
Wholesale & Retail Trade	236.20	238.31	230.69	32.4	32.6	32.4	7.29	7.31	7.12
Wholesale Trade	419.76	421.34	402.98	39.6	39.9	39.2	10.60	10.56	10.28
Retail Trade	182.10	183.31	179.36	30.3	30.4	30.4	6.01	6.03	5.90
General Merchandise Stores	177.59	181.19	172.28	29.5	29.9	29.2	6.02	6.06	5.90
Banking	275.23	295.71	267.54	36.6	39.8	36.7	7.52	7.43	7.29

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 439.88	$ 434.47	$ 418.08	42.5	42.1	41.6	$ 10.35	$ 10.32	$ 10.05
Durable Goods	465.70	467.42	444.78	43.2	43.2	42.0	10.78	10.82	10.59
Nondurable Goods	397.44	380.43	373.92	41.4	40.3	41.0	9.60	9.44	9.12
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	457.26	457.56	441.00	40.9	41.0	41.1	11.18	11.16	10.73
Durable Goods	482.51	484.92	465.92	41.1	41.2	41.6	11.74	11.77	11.20
Nondurable Goods	398.93	394.79	383.36	40.5	40.7	40.1	9.85	9.70	9.56
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	518.84	519.47	504.50	43.6	43.8	44.1	11.90	11.86	11.44
Durable Goods	440.12	431.32	430.59	44.1	43.7	44.9	9.98	9.87	9.59
Nondurable Goods	617.33	627.33	596.16	43.2	43.9	43.2	14.29	14.29	13.80
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	301.95	299.49	296.11	40.1	40.2	39.8	7.53	7.45	7.44
Durable Goods	333.56	335.79	315.32	39.9	40.9	38.5	8.36	8.21	8.19
Nondurable Goods	276.34	268.88	279.21	40.4	39.6	41.0	6.84	6.79	6.81

✢Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

Communication and in Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services were barely sufficient to overcome the loss in Transportation.

In **Manufacturing**, the trend of recent months continued, with the Nondurable Goods sector producing growth while Durable Goods lost jobs. For years, **Durable Goods** was the stronger of the two, but losses in oil and construction-related Durable industries, along with the fluctuations in industries producing computer components, have depressed many sectors of Durable Goods in 1989.

For example, Lumber and Wood Products is currently over 2,000 jobs below its year-ago employment level. Electric and Electronic Equipment has lost 1,500 jobs in the past year; and Nonelectrical Machinery is 1,000 below the November 1988 estimate. No Durable Goods industry has gained as many as 1,000 jobs in the past 12 months, and the total for this sector is down over 4,000 jobs.

On the other hand, **Nondurable Goods** has gained over 6,000 jobs over the past year, and only one sector (Printing and Publishing) has lost more than 500 jobs during this period. The two Nondurable Goods sectors which have shown the largest increases are both industries which suffered large losses earlier in the decade due to plants closing and relocating overseas. Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products and Chemicals and Allied Products each gained 2,700 jobs between November 1988 and November 1989.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	NOV.'89	NOV.'88
Total Population	16,915,200*	16,856,400*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.6
UI Covered Employers	311,918	312,026
Total Claims Actions	533,974	544,650
Total Initial Claims Actions	71,047	63,625
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	462,927	481,025
Total Placements	32,067	30,887
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$154.10	$151.36
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$61,752,731	$61,216,848

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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Between October and November 1989, Nondurable Goods generated 500 jobs, but Durable Goods lost 1,000, leaving Manufacturing employment down 500.

Average Weekly Earnings Decrease

For the estimated 628,900 Texas Manufacturing Production workers, Average Hourly Earnings increased by one cent between October and November, while Average Weekly Hours decreased by one tenth of an hour, dropping Average Weekly Earnings by 61 cents over the month. Most of the decline in the number of hours worked was in the Nondurable Goods sector.

In mid-November a worker, on average, was earning $10.26 per hour for a 41.6-hour week, and making $426.82 in Weekly Earnings. The number of hours worked was basically unchanged both from a month ago and a year ago, with Average Hourly Earnings rising 25 cents over the year, causing Average Weekly Earnings to rise by $8.40 from the November 1988 level.

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JOBLESS RATE FALLS AS CHRISTMAS HIRING ACCELERATES

Unemployment Declines Sharply

The number of jobless Texans fell substantially over the month, as the actual unemployment rate decreased from 6.9 percent in November to 5.8 percent in mid-December. That rate was the lowest in the actual series in five years. There were an estimated 479,000 unemployed in the State in December—down close to 100,000 from the November level. Total employment was estimated at 7,721,700, a modest decline from the November figure.

In the seasonally adjusted series, the unemployment rate exhibited a less dramatic drop, from 7.2 percent in November to 6.6 percent in December. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate changed little over the month, sliding from 5.4 percent to 5.3 percent in December. The actual rate for the Nation also decreased minimally, from 5.2 percent to 5.1 percent.

The preliminary annual average unemployment rate for the State for 1989 (based on unrevised estimates for the year) was 6.7 percent. That was the lowest average since 1984, when it was 5.9 percent.

Unemployment in the MSA's

Among the State's 28 Metropolitan Statistical Areas, declines in unemployment were also common. In fact, every MSA's December rate was lower than the November rate. The majority of the areas also had current rates which were below their year-ago rates. Only two MSA's had higher December 1989 unemployment rates compared to December 1988—McAllen-Edinburg-Mission and San Angelo. Two others, Brownsville-Harlingen and El Paso, had equivalent rates for both time periods.

The **Chart** on **page 3** shows the MSA's with the lowest and highest unemployment rates for December 1989.

Nonfarm Jobs Increase Seasonally

The count of Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Jobs in Texas expanded by 10,600 in December, due primarily to seasonal increases in Trade and Services. In mid-December, there were an estimated 6,873,900 Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Dec.'89	Nov.'89	Dec.'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	123,998.0	124,663.0	122,120.0
Unemployment	6,300.0	6,495.0	6,142.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.1%**	**5.2%**	**5.0%**
Total Employment	117,698.0	118,168.0	115,978.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,356.0	124,663.0	122,120.0
Unemployment	6,658.0	6,495.0	6,142.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.4%**	**5.2%**	**5.0%**
Total Employment	117,698.0	118,168.0	115,978.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,200.7	8,327.1	8,265.9
Unemployment	479.0	575.3	515.2
Percent Unemployed	**5.8%**	**6.9%**	**6.2%**
Total Employment	7,721.7	7,751.8	7,750.7
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,218.0	8,265.0	8,284.0
Unemployment	542.0	597.0	591.0
Percent Unemployed	**6.6%**	**7.2%**	**7.1%**
Total Employment	7,676.0	7,668.0	7,693.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	DEC.'89*	NOV.'89**	DEC.'88**	DEC.'89*	NOV.'89**	DEC.'88**	DEC.'89*	NOV.'89**	DEC.'88**	DEC.'89*	NOV.'89**	DEC.'88**
	ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**			**BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR**		
TOTAL	**49,800**	**49,600**	**50,000**	**76,900**	**76,600**	**77,000**	**358,600**	**359,000**	**355,400**	**136,700**	**136,700**	**133,900**
Manufacturing	5,100	5,100	4,900	8,700	8,600	9,000	42,400	42,300	41,400	25,700	25,500	25,000
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,100	1,100	1,300	700	700	700	2,000	2,000	1,800
Construction	1,600	1,700	2,100	3,800	3,800	3,500	12,500	12,800	13,800	9,800	10,000	8,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,500	5,700	5,700	5,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	9,500	9,600	9,500
Trade	14,000	13,700	14,200	22,800	22,600	23,100	78,200	77,200	77,800	33,100	32,900	33,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,400	2,400	2,400	4,000	4,000	4,200	23,800	23,800	24,100	5,100	5,200	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,300	12,900	17,100	17,000	16,900	86,600	86,700	84,700	30,700	30,700	29,700
Government	9,000	9,000	9,000	13,700	13,800	13,500	103,900	105,000	102,400	20,800	20,800	20,600
	BRAZORIA			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**			**BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION**			**CORPUS CHRISTI**		
TOTAL	**62,200**	**61,800**	**60,600**	**70,600**	**71,000**	**69,600**	**52,800**	**53,000**	**50,900**	**127,200**	**127,300**	**125,400**
Manufacturing	16,100	16,000	15,700	9,900	10,300	10,000	3,600	3,600	3,500	11,400	11,400	11,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	1,900	—	—	—	600	600	600	3,900	4,000	4,400
Construction	7,600	7,400	7,400	2,200	2,200	2,100	1,600	1,700	2,000	9,900	10,000	8,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,600	3,000	3,100	3,100	1,600	1,600	1,500	6,200	6,200	6,500
Trade	11,700	11,400	11,300	18,700	18,600	18,400	11,300	11,200	10,700	31,800	31,700	31,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	6,900	6,900	7,000
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,400	16,200	16,200	15,600	9,200	9,200	8,900	29,300	29,300	28,700
Government	11,400	11,600	11,300	17,000	17,000	16,800	23,300	23,500	22,100	27,800	27,800	27,800
	DALLAS ***			**EL PASO**			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**		
TOTAL	**1,373.6**	**1,026.7**	**998.0**	**201,000**	**201,000**	**195,900**	**543,400**	**543,200**	**530,900**	**70,700**	**71,200**	**71,100**
Manufacturing	220.2	220.8	222.8	40,400	41,100	40,600	120,800	120,800	121,500	8,500	8,600	8,300
Mining	16.9	16.8	18.2	—	—	--	4,000	4,000	3,700	500	500	500
Construction	49.1	50.6	50.9	8,400	8,200	8,600	22,100	22,800	22,200	4,800	4,800	4,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	97.8	97.6	92.4	11,000	10,900	10,800	33,100	32,800	30,800	4,800	4,800	4,600
Trade	361.6	357.9	.54.3	50,600	50,300	47,000	140,900	140,400	138,200	13,800	13,800	14,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.4	126.1	127.7	8,200	8,300	8,400	27,200	27,100	26,800	4,000	4,000	4,100
Services & Misc.	344.9	.45.1	333.8	39,100	38,800	39,100	123,500	123,200	118,200	14,200	14,400	13,900
Government	156.7	156.9	152.2	43,300	43,400	41,400	71,800	72,100	69,500	20,100	20,300	20,700
	HOUSTON ***			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**			**LONGVIEW-MARSHALL**		
TOTAL	**1,507.4**	**1,496.4**	**1,465.9**	**73,000**	**72,300**	**72,000**	**42,500**	**42,000**	**39,600**	**67,000**	**67,000**	**66,400**
Manufacturing	158.1	158.1	156.1	8,600	8,500	8,300	2,000	2,100	1,800	15,500	15,400	15,900
Mining	68.1	67.4	67.0	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,600	3,600	3,600
Construction	91.4	91.8	87.9	3,100	3,100	3,600	1,400	1,300	1,000	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.5	101.0	101.8	2,600	2,600	2,800	5,900	5,800	5,000	3,200	3,200	3,100
Trade	378.8	370.3	370.7	16,900	16,800	16,700	13,400	13,100	11,900	17,500	17,500	17,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.4	99.3	101.0	3,200	3,100	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,500	2,600	2,600	2,700
Services & Misc.	408.9	407.1	386.9	16,800	16,500	16,200	6,500	6,500	6,400	12,800	12,900	:2,100
Government	202.2	201.4	194.5	21,700	21,600	21,300	9,800	9,700	10,100	8,600	8,600	8,500
	LUBBOCK			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**			**MIDLAND**			**ODESSA**		
TOTAL	**98,300**	**97,900**	**95,200**	**100,000**	**98,300**	**100,200**	**44,300**	**44,300**	**45,000**	**42,600**	**42,400**	**43,200**
Manufacturing	7,500	7,500	7,600	14,600	14,200	14,400	2,500	2,500	2,700	3,900	3,900	4,100
Mining	400	400	400	800	900	900	9,500	9,500	9,900	5,700	5,700	5,700
Construction	3,000	3,200	3,200	4,100	4,100	4,100	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,700	1,800	1,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,400	5,100	4,800	3,300	3,200	3,200	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	29,600	29,200	28,600	31,500	30,400	31,900	10,300	10,200	10,200	12,900	12,700	13,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,600	5,500	3,800	3,800	3,800	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,600	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,800	23,900	23,100	16,900	16,700	16,100	9,300	9,400	9,600	7,200	7,200	7,200
Government	23,000	23,000	22,000	25,000	25,000	25,800	6,900	6,900	6,600	7,500	7,400	7,500
	SAN ANGELO			**SAN ANTONIO**			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**		
TOTAL	**35,800**	**35,900**	**36,700**	**512,300**	**511,600**	**508,900**	**37,400**	**37,100**	**37,000**	**47,400**	**47,300**	**45,400**
Manufacturing	5,400	5,200	5,400	47,800	47,700	47,600	11,000	10,900	11,000	7,500	7,600	7,500
Mining	500	500	500	2,100	2,100	2,200	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,400	21,700	21,800	23,000	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	3,000	19,000	19,100	19,000	1,600	1,600	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	8,800	9,000	9,400	128,000	127,600	130,800	8,100	8,000	7,900	11,100	10,900	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,700	40,500	39,700	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,100	8,100	8,100	130,700	130,000	126,100	8,800	8,700	8,400	9,900	10,000	9,500
Government	7,400	7,500	7,100	122,300	122,800	120,500	4,300	4,300	4,400	13,300	13,200	12,200
	TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**			**WICHITA FALLS**		
TOTAL	**61,500**	**61,500**	**60,800**	**28,400**	**29,000**	**27,200**	**80,500**	**80,100**	**80,500**	**50,500**	**50,700**	**51,400**
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	10,500	3,100	3,100	3,000	15,200	15,200	14,700	8,000	8,000	8,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,400	1,400	1,300	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,600	1,600	1,400	3,000	3,000	3,700	2,000	2,000	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,500	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,400	3,400	3,400	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,400	16,300	16,400	7,800	7,900	7,800	19,300	18,900	19,100	12,400	12,300	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,400	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,800	4,800	4,900	2,200	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,600	14,700	14,500	5,900	6,000	6,000	21,800	22,000	21,600	12,100	12,100	11,900
Government	9,700	9,600	9,500	5,800	6,200	4,900	12,900	12,700	13,000	9,500	9,700	9,800

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The current total was close to 120,000 above the year-ago level. However, much of this over-the-year growth was generated in the first half of 1989, and expansion in several sectors has slowed substantially in the latter half of the year.

As might be expected in December, the majority of the growth was within the Retail Trade sector. More than 13,000 jobs were created within **Trade** over the month. The largest gains were centered in General Merchandise Stores, in Apparel and Accessory Stores, and in the Other Retail Trade sector, which includes specialty stores. The only notable loss in Retail Trade was a drop of 500 jobs in Automotive Dealers and Service Stations.

Seasonal factors also generated over 3,000 jobs in **Services** in December. The hiring of temporary employees in Personnel Supply Services was the primary source of the increase of 1,600 in Business and Repair Services. The onset of the winter flu season pushed employment up in physicians' offices, and nursing and personal care facilities also expanded moderately over the month. Although the private educational sector did not record losses, there were no job gains either.

Employment in Mining took a small upturn over the month, with 400 additional jobs. The current level was, however, still over 4,000 below the year-ago estimate. This small gain, along with the larger increases in Trade and Services, provided the only growth between November and December.

The largest of the downturns registered in December occurred in **Construction**, which lost 2,100 jobs. Losses were centered primarily among General Building Contractors and in Highway and Street Construction. This sector remained 3,600 below its year-ago level in December.

The normal end-of-semester decline at state schools and universities pushed employment down considerably in State Government over the month. Although Federal Government rose by a moderate number of jobs, that increase nullified only a small portion of the State sector's decline, leaving **Government** as a whole down by 1,800 in December.

Two other nonmanufacturing groups lost small numbers of jobs over the month. **Transportation and Public Utilities** dropped by 400 as Transportation, except Railroads, recorded a decline. The continuing depression in Real Estate was the primary force behind the loss of 400 jobs in **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate** in December. A modest gain among Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers moderated the larger loss only slightly.

Manufacturing continued to decline in December, with decreases in both the Durable and Nondurable Goods sectors.

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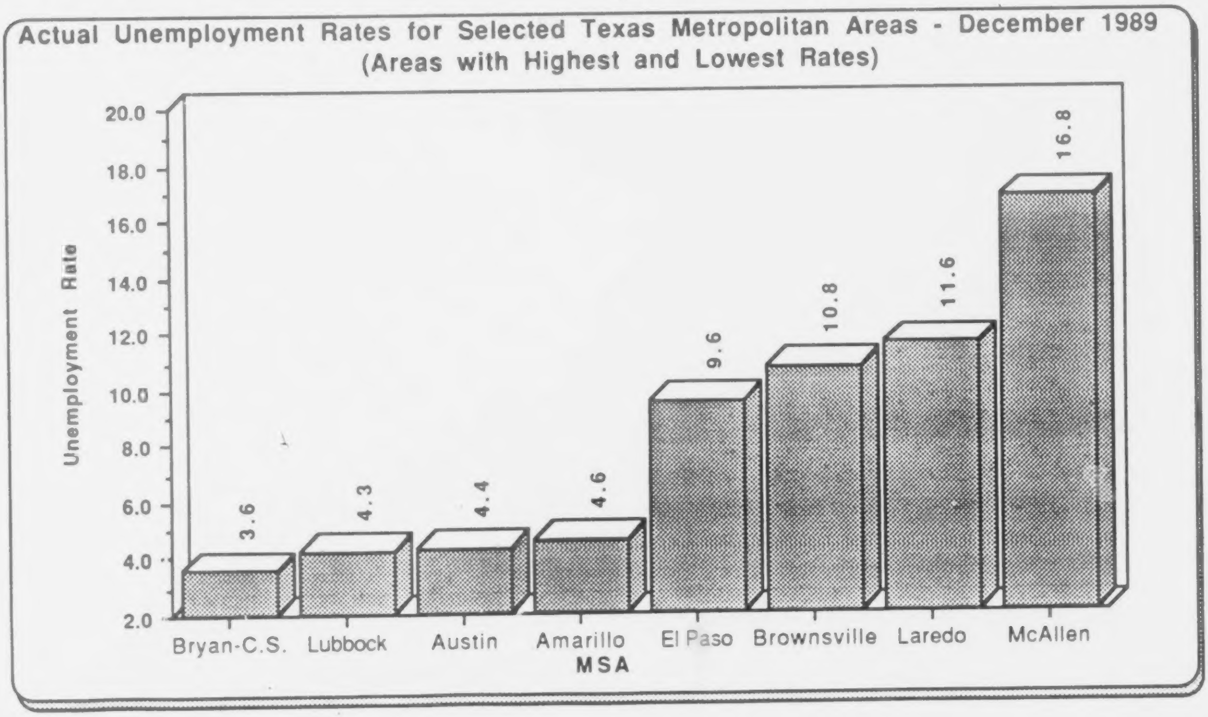

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Dec.'89*	Nov.'89**	Dec.'88**	Chg. from Nov.'89	Chg. from Dec.'88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,873,900**	**6,863,300**	**6,755,000**	**10,600**	**118,900**
MANUFACTURING	**969,100**	**970,700**	**966,400**	**-1,600**	**2,700**
Durable Goods	**554,100**	**555,000**	**558,100**	**-900**	**-4,000**
Lumber & Wood Products	31,500	31,900	33,700	-400	-2,200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,800	6,900	7,100	-100	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,600	16,700	16,300	-100	300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,200	41,200	41,800	0	-600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	16,700	16,600	17,400	100	-700
Primary Metal Industries	28,300	28,600	28,400	-300	-100
Fabricated Metal Industries	78,300	77,900	77,400	400	900
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,400	37,100	36,500	300	900
Machinery, exc. Electrical	104,100	104,300	105,400	-200	-1,300
Oil Field Machinery	24,100	23,800	25,300	300	-1,200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	115,900	116,200	117,400	-300	-1,500
Transportation Equipment	99,000	98,900	98,800	100	200
Aircraft & Parts	57,400	57,500	56,800	-100	600
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,600	24,600	24,100	0	500
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,600	14,700	14,800	-100	-200
Nondurable Goods	**415,000**	**415,700**	**408,300**	**-700**	**6,700**
Food & Kindred Products	98,900	98,800	98,500	100	400
Meat Products	29,500	29,400	29,000	100	500
Dairy Products	4,300	4,400	4,500	-100	-200
Bakery Products	9,700	9,800	10,000	-100	-300
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	58,700	59,600	57,100	-900	1,600
Paper & Allied Products	25,600	25,600	25,300	0	300
Printing & Publishing	75,500	75,500	75,000	0	500
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,400	35,100	35,400	300	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	80,200	80,000	77,200	200	3,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,600	28,400	28,600	200	0
Petroleum Refining	25,400	25,300	25,300	100	100
Leather & Leather Products	8,200	8,400	8,500	-200	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	35,400	35,500	34,300	-100	1,100
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,904,800**	**5,892,600**	**5,788,600**	**12,200**	**116,200**
Mining	**177,500**	**177,100**	**181,700**	**400**	**-4,200**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	8,900	8,800	9,200	100	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	168,600	168,300	172,500	300	-3,900
Construction	**313,400**	**315,500**	**317,000**	**-2,100**	**-3,600**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**406,800**	**407,200**	**396,800**	**-400**	**10,000**
Railroad Transportation	18,800	18,800	19,600	0	-800
Transportation, exc. Railroads	228,600	229,000	219,400	-400	9,200
Transportation by Air	71,000	71,000	66,500	0	4,500
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	82,800	82,800	81,600	0	1,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,600	76,600	76,200	0	400
Electric Services	40,500	40,600	40,700	-100	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	27,700	27,600	27,700	100	0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,694,600**	**1,681,400**	**1,689,700**	**13,200**	**4,900**
Wholesale Trade	419,800	419,400	414,000	400	5,800
Retail Trade	1,274,800	1,262,000	1,275,700	12,800	-900
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,500	43,000	42,600	500	900
General Merchandise Stores	185,200	180,600	184,200	4,600	1,000
Food Stores	218,800	218,700	225,900	100	-7,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,500	132,000	135,600	-500	-4,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	90,000	86,400	90,100	3,600	-100
Eating & Drinking Places	415,000	414,400	409,000	600	6,000
Other Retail Trade	190,800	186,900	188,300	3,900	2,500
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**441,400**	**441,800**	**440,400**	**-400**	**1,000**
Banking	97,500	97,500	96,400	0	1,100
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	145,100	144,900	141,500	200	3,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	198,800	199,400	202,500	-600	-3,700
Services	**1,624,200**	**1,620,900**	**1,549,300**	**3,300**	**74,900**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,200	84,400	81,600	-200	2,600
Personal Services	85,700	85,700	86,100	0	-400
Business & Repair Services	462,100	460,500	434,400	1,600	27,700
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	60,300	59,800	55,400	500	4,900
Health Services	446,400	445,600	427,400	800	19,000
Educational Services	77,700	77,700	77,000	0	700
Other Services & Miscellaneous	407,800	407,200	387,400	600	20,400
Total Government	**1,246,900**	**1,248,700**	**1,213,700**	**-1,800**	**33,200**
Federal Government	200,300	199,700	199,200	600	1,100
State Government	259,600	262,100	244,500	-2,500	15,100
Local Government	787,000	786,900	770,000	100	17,000

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	DEC.'89*	NOV.'89**	DEC.'88**	DEC.'89*	NOV.'89**	DEC.'88**	DEC.'89*	NOV.'89**	DEC.'88**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,600	53,300	54,000	95,200	97,200	97,800	415,200	422,400	423,300
Total Unemployment	2,700	3,300	3,000	4,400	5,500	5,200	18,400	22,100	21,200
Percent Unemployed	**5.1%**	**6.2%**	**5.6%**	**4.6%**	**5.7%**	**5.3%**	**4.4%**	**5.2%**	**5.0%**
Total Employment ++	49,900	50,000	51,000	90,800	91,700	92,600	396,800	400,300	402,100
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	159,800	163,000	161,600	82,800	84,200	82,700	98,400	101,300	97,500
Total Unemployment	11,900	14,300	14,100	4,900	6,000	5,400	10,600	12,900	10,500
Percent Unemployed	**7.4%**	**8.8%**	**8.7%**	**5.9%**	**7.1%**	**6.5%**	**10.8%**	**12.7%**	**10.8%**
Total Employment ++	147,900	148,700	147,500	77,900	78,200	77,300	87,800	88,400	87,000
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,300	61,300	59,700	153,900	157,100	155,500	1,432.8	1,453.8	1,447.4
Total Unemployment	2,200	2,600	2,300	10,800	13,100	11,700	65.6	80.0	70.3
Percent Unemployed	**3.6%**	**4.2%**	**3.9%**	**7.0%**	**8.3%**	**7.5%**	**4.6%**	**5.5%**	**4.9%**
Total Employment ++	58,100	58,700	57,400	143,100	144,000	143,800	1,367.2	1,373.8	1,377.1
		EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
Total Civilian Labor Force	242,200	248,500	241,100	680,800	690,500	681,400	102,000	104,400	104,800
Total Unemployment	23,200	27,800	23,200	33,700	39,900	34,900	7,000	8,500	7,300
Percent Unemployed	**9.6%**	**11.2%**	**9.6%**	**5.0%**	**5.8%**	**5.1%**	**6.9%**	**8.1%**	**7.0%**
Total Employment ++	219,000	220,700	217,900	647,100	650,600	646,500	95,000	95,900	97,500
		HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,636.3	1,653.1	1,627.9	94,600	96,300	95,200	50,900	51,500	48,800
Total Unemployment	79.6	98.4	87.6	6,200	7,600	6,800	5,900	6,600	6,100
Percent Unemployed	**4.9%**	**6.0%**	**5.4%**	**6.6%**	**7.9%**	**7.1%**	**11.6%**	**12.8%**	**12.5%**
Total Employment ++	1,556.7	1,554.7	1,540.3	88,400	88,700	88,400	45,000	44,900	42,700
		LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-M'SSION	
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,800	79,100	78,700	115,200	115,800	115,300	160,500	164,000	162,200
Total Unemployment	5,400	6,500	6,000	4,900	5,400	6,000	27,000	32,600	26,000
Percent Unemployed	**6.9%**	**8.2%**	**7.6%**	**4.3%**	**4.7%**	**5.2%**	**16.8%**	**19.9%**	**16.0%**
Total Employment ++	72,400	72,600	72,700	110,300	110,400	109,300	133,500	131,400	136,200
		MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,000	48,600	49,300	50,000	51,100	52,400	43,500	44,400	45,100
Total Unemployment	2,500	3,000	2,600	3,100	3,900	3,500	2,400	2,800	2,400
Percent Unemployed	**5.2%**	**6.2%**	**5.3%**	**6.2%**	**7.6%**	**6.7%**	**5.5%**	**6.3%**	**5.3%**
Total Employment ++	45,500	45,600	46,700	46,900	47,200	48,900	41,100	41,600	42,700
		SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA	
Total Civilian Labor Force	596,700	606,800	606,300	46,500	47,100	48,000	58,200	58,400	57,500
Total Unemployment	38,200	45,600	40,200	2,500	2,900	2,800	3,400	3,800	3,800
Percent Unemployed	**6.4%**	**7.5%**	**6.6%**	**5.4%**	**6.2%**	**5.8%**	**5.8%**	**6.5%**	**6.6%**
Total Employment ++	558,500	561,200	566,100	44,000	44,200	45,200	54,800	54,600	53,700
		TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	73,400	74,500	74,400	35,900	37,000	35,200	91,400	92,600	93,500
Total Unemployment	4,100	5,000	4,800	1,700	2,200	1,900	4,700	5,700	5,500
Percent Unemployed	**5.6%**	**6.7%**	**6.5%**	**4.7%**	**5.9%**	**5.4%**	**5.1%**	**6.2%**	**5.9%**
Total Employment ++	69,300	69,500	69,600	34,200	34,800	33,300	86,700	86,900	88,000
		WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,500	56,300	57,400				8,200.7	8,327.1	8,265.9
Total Unemployment	3,000	3,500	3,100				479.0	575.3	515.2
Percent Unemployed	**5.4%**	**6.2%**	**5.4%**				**5.8%**	**6.9%**	**6.2%**
Total Employment ++	52,500	52,800	54,300				7,721.7	7,751.8	7,750.7

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	DEC.'89	NOV.'89	DEC.'88	DEC.'89	NOV.'89	DEC.'88	DEC.'89	NOV.'89	DEC.'88
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 435.12	$ 429.29	$ 427.06	42.0	41.8	42.2	$ 10.36	$10.27	$10.12
Durable Goods	436.96	431.34	427.70	42.3	42.0	42.6	10.33	10.27	10.04
Lumber & Wood Products	302.82	296.43	297.05	41.2	41.0	41.2	7.35	7.23	7.21
Furniture & Fixtures	271.60	268.27	277.95	40.0	38.6	41.3	6.79	6.95	6.73
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	388.81	397.10	398.04	41.1	41.8	42.3	9.46	9.50	9.41
Primary Metal Industries	480.20	483.64	447.95	43.3	42.8	41.4	11.09	11.30	10.82
Fabricated Metal Products	407.16	394.05	401.78	43.5	42.6	44.2	9.36	9.25	9.09
Machinery, exc. Electric	446.26	431.96	447.62	43.2	42.6	44.1	10.33	10.14	10.15
Oil Field Machinery	573.60	526.40	525.08	48.0	44.8	46.1	11.95	11.75	11.39
Electric & Electronic Equip.	491.53	483.19	459.90	42.3	42.2	42.0	11.62	11.45	10.95
Transportation Equipment	557.11	563.37	557.60	41.7	42.2	42.5	13.36	13.35	13.12
Instruments & Related Prod.	406.01	388.65	385.69	41.9	40.4	40.9	9.69	9.62	9.43
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	303.81	304.37	281.24	40.4	40.8	39.5	7.52	7.46	7.12
Nondurable Goods	432.22	427.23	428.22	41.6	41.6	41.9	10.39	10.27	10.22
Food & Kindred Products	357.00	357.14	357.33	42.5	43.5	43.0	8.40	8.21	8.31
Meat Products	278.10	293.04	260.83	41.2	44.4	41.8	6.75	6.60	6.24
Malt Beverages	756.16	768.75	916.70	41.8	42.1	49.1	18.09	18.26	18.67
Textile Mill Products	337.70	333.65	350.52	43.8	43.5	45.7	7.71	7.67	7.67
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	204.60	199.13	203.30	38.1	37.5	38.0	5.37	5.31	5.35
Paper & Allied Products	517.56	500.59	490.50	45.4	44.3	45.0	11.40	11.30	10.90
Printing & Publishing	410.01	408.60	397.45	38.9	39.1	38.7	10.54	10.45	10.27
Chemicals & Allied Products	699.34	689.34	688.90	43.6	43.3	43.3	16.04	15.92	15.91
Petroleum & Coal Products	680.52	717.61	717.55	42.4	44.6	45.3	16.05	16.09	15.84
Petroleum Refining	703.08	746.49	752.95	42.0	44.7	45.8	16.74	16.70	16.44
Leather & Leather Products	244.48	248.00	249.15	38.2	40.0	39.8	6.40	6.20	6.26
Other Nondurable Goods	400.61	384.40	397.98	42.8	41.2	43.4	9.36	9.33	9.17
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	547.23	526.73	525.71	41.3	40.8	41.2	13.25	12.91	12.76
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	560.59	548.57	522.82	45.1	45.6	44.8	12.43	12.03	11.67
Oil & Gas Extraction	547.04	524.39	526.44	41.1	40.4	41.0	13.31	12.98	12.84
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	521.02	520.90	491.38	40.8	40.6	38.6	12.77	12.83	12.73
Elec., Gas & San. Services	515.97	509.16	480.27	40.5	40.7	38.7	12.74	12.51	12.41
Wholesale & Retail Trade	240.70	235.79	236.76	33.2	32.3	33.3	7.25	7.30	7.11
Wholesale Trade	416.99	417.25	404.24	39.6	39.4	39.4	10.53	10.59	10.26
Retail Trade	188.74	181.80	187.11	31.3	30.2	31.5	6.03	6.02	5.94
General Merchandise Stores	207.59	178.44	191.75	34.2	29.3	32.5	6.07	6.09	5.90
Banking	280.11	273.77	268.60	37.1	36.6	37.1	7.55	7.48	7.24

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 448.80	$ 443.28	$ 424.20	42.5	42.5	42.0	$ 10.56	$ 10.43	$ 10.10
Durable Goods	473.93	471.32	460.10	43.4	43.4	43.0	10.92	10.86	10.70
Nondurable Goods	407.54	397.44	365.62	41.0	41.1	40.4	9.94	9.67	9.05
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	459.95	456.55	449.19	41.4	40.8	41.4	11.11	11.19	10.85
Durable Goods	486.55	480.58	472.04	41.8	40.9	41.7	11.64	11.75	11.32
Nondurable Goods	399.50	400.72	394.63	40.6	40.6	40.6	9.84	9.87	9.72
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	535.50	518.46	524.70	45.0	43.9	45.0	11.90	11.81	11.66
Durable Goods	454.81	438.02	450.96	45.3	44.2	46.3	10.04	9.91	9.74
Nondurable Goods	634.29	615.09	614.43	44.7	43.5	43.3	14.19	14.14	14.19
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	301.76	304.62	299.77	41.0	40.4	39.6	7.36	7.54	7.57
Durable Goods	330.06	336.91	320.77	40.3	40.3	38.6	8.19	8.36	8.31
Nondurable Goods	277.22	276.74	280.67	41.5	40.4	40.5	6.68	6.85	6.93

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✚ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Small, scattered layoffs were prevalent in **Durable Goods**, which dropped by 900 in December. The largest declines were in Lumber and Wood Products, Primary Metal Industries, and Electric and Electronic Equipment. Small increases in Fabricated Metal Industries and in Transportation Equipment did little to offset the more numerous decreases.

The drop of 700 jobs in **Nondurable Goods** was primarily the result of a firm closing in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products, which lost 900 positions over the month. Although a few other sectors registered gains, that growth had little effect on the overall downturn.

Average Weekly Earnings Increase

For the estimated 628,700 Texas Manufacturing Production workers, Average Hourly Earnings increased by nine cents between November and December, while Average Weekly Hours increased by two tenths of an hour, raising Average Weekly Earnings by $5.83 over the month. Most of the increase in the number of hours worked was in the Durable Goods sector.

In mid-December a worker, on average, was earning $10.36 per hour for a 42.0-hour week, and making $435.12 in Weekly Earnings. Compared to the November 1988 level, Average Hourly Earnings were up 24 cents, while Average Weekly Hours were basically the same, and Average Weekly Earnings had risen by $8.06.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	DEC '89	DEC '88
Total Population	16,920,100*	16,861,300*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.7	1.7
UI Covered Employers	312,596	312,891
Total Claims Actions	547,785	542,127
Total Initial Claims Actions	69,183	65,174
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	478,602	476,953
Total Placements	25,677	26,423
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$154.20	$152.16
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$59,373,287	$59,090,479

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Abilene	$1,006,417
Amarillo	1,712,553
Austin	7,054,601
Beaumont-Port Arthur	4,201,940
Brazoria	1,860,566
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,585,696
Bryan-College Station	632,796
Corpus Christi	3,454,107
Dallas	29,570,732
El Paso	6,861,680
Fort Worth-Arlington	15,414,149
Galveston-Texas City	2,932,433
Houston	32,438,365
Killeen-Temple	1,569,555
Laredo	1,167,978
Longview-Marshall	1,931,180
Lubbock	1,206,700
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5,771,318
Midland	1,140,014
Odessa	1,208,905
San Angelo	859,940
San Antonio	12,770,843
Sherman-Denison	997,689
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	570,891
Tyler	1,761,659
Victoria	598,152
Waco	1,832,528
Wichita Falls	1,114,841
State of Texas	181,867,837

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All 1988 and 1989 Data Revised!

All civilian labor force and nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for 1988 and 1989 have been revised. The 1989 revised estimates appearing in this issue (as year-ago figures) are not comparable to any previously published data for 1989. These revisions reflect a refinement of previously published estimates.

In addition to the annual benchmark revisions which are routinely done each year, these revisions of nonagricultural wage and salary employment also incorporate changes from the 1967 *Standard Industrial Classification* (SIC) Coding structure to the *Revised 1987 SIC* Codes for the first time. Revisions to the SIC Manual are made periodically to keep definitions up-to-date and conform to changes in industrial activities. These conversions shifted employment from one industry code to others in many cases.

While these changes had little effect on major industry groups (such as the data published for the 28 Texas MSA's in this newsletter), at more detailed levels, such as those published for the State on page 4, substantial changes occurred in some industries. Particularly within Manufacturing, Services, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, changes were significant; therefore, revised estimates for 1988 and 1989 will not be totally comparable to those for prior years.

Users who wish to receive revised civilian labor force and/or nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates for 1988 and 1989 may write to the ERA Department, Texas Employment Commission, 101 E. 15th Street, Austin, TX 78778. A more detailed explanation of the changes involved in the 1987 SIC Code conversion is also available, upon request. Please specify the data series and area(s) for which you wish to receive information.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Jan.'90	Dec.'89	Jan.'89
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	123,293.0	123,998.0	122,095.0
Unemployment	7,256.0	6,300.0	7,309.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.9%**	**5.1%**	**6.0%**
Total Employment	116,037.0	117,698.0	114,786.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,398.0	124,546.0	123,265.0
Unemployment	6,535.0	6,658.0	6,625.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.3%**	**5.3%**	**5.4%**
Total Employment	117,863.0	117,888.0	116,640.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,320.6	8,391.8	8,302.0
Unemployment	480.6	490.2	631.8
Percent Unemployed	**5.8%**	**5.8%**	**7.6%**
Total Employment	7,840.0	7,901.6	7,670.2
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,440.0	8,423.0	8,416.0
Unemployment	441.0	557.0	592.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.2%**	**6.6%**	**7.0%**
Total Employment	7,999.0	7,866.0	7,824.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	JAN.'90*	DEC.'89**	JAN.'89**	JAN.'90*	DEC.'89**	JAN.'89**	JAN.'90*	DEC.'89**	JAN.'89**
	ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,100	52,400	53,000	94,500	96,300	96,300	425,700	429,700	428,500
Total Unemployment	2,800	2,800	3,700	4,300	4,500	6,500	18,100	18,900	25,800
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.3%	7.0%	4.6%	4.7%	6.7%	4.3%	4.4%	6.0%
Total Employment ++	49,300	49,600	49,300	90,200	91,800	89,800	407,600	410,800	402,700
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			**BRAZORIA**			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,200	162,400	163,000	85,000	85,000	83,500	104,200	104,800	100,400
Total Unemployment	11,300	12,100	17,900	4,800	5,000	6,700	10,800	10,900	12,800
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	7.5%	11.0%	5.6%	5.9%	8.0%	10.4%	10.4%	12.7%
Total Employment ++	149,900	150,300	145,100	80,200	80,000	76,800	93,400	93,900	87,600
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			**CORPUS CHRISTI**			**DALLAS*** **		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,500	62,000	58,800	156,100	156,700	156,300	1,430.1	1,442.2	1,428.9
Total Unemployment	2,000	2,200	3,300	10,100	11,000	14,200	65.2	66.8	85.3
Percent Unemployed	3.4%	3.5%	5.6%	6.5%	7.0%	9.1%	4.6%	4.6%	6.0%
Total Employment ++	56,500	59,800	55,500	146,000	145,700	142,100	1,364.9	1,375.4	1,343.6
	EL PASO			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	248,200	250,700	243,900	712,700	722,200	709,700	106,100	106,500	106,800
Total Unemployment	24,100	23,800	26,800	33,600	35,000	43,300	6,700	7,200	9,200
Percent Unemployed	9.7%	9.5%	11.0%	4.7%	4.8%	6.1%	6.3%	6.8%	8.6%
Total Employment ++	224,100	226,900	217,100	679,100	687,200	666,400	99,400	99,300	97,600
	HOUSTON* **			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,680.1	1,685.4	1,633.8	97,400	97,000	94,600	54,500	54,100	51,600
Total Unemployment	79.8	81.6	107.7	6,100	6,400	8,200	6,200	6,100	7,700
Percent Unemployed	4.7%	4.8%	6.6%	6.3%	6.6%	8.7%	11.4%	11.3%	14.9%
Total Employment ++	1,600.3	1,603.8	1,526.1	91,300	90,600	86,400	48,300	48,000	43,900
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			**LUBBOCK**			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,300	80,200	79,300	113,900	115,400	112,400	163,200	164,600	162,100
Total Unemployment	5,300	5,600	7,700	5,000	5,000	6,200	31,800	27,600	30,800
Percent Unemployed	6.7%	7.0%	9.7%	4.4%	4.3%	5.5%	19.5%	16.8%	19.0%
Total Employment ++	74,000	74,600	71,600	108,900	110,400	106,200	131,400	137,000	131,300
	MIDLAND			**ODESSA**			**SAN ANGELO**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,200	49,400	49,300	50,900	51,200	52,600	44,000	44,800	45,200
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,600	3,200	3,200	3,200	4,700	2,300	2,400	3,000
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	5.3%	6.5%	6.3%	6.3%	8.9%	5.2%	5.4%	6.6%
Total Employment ++	46,500	46,800	46,100	47,700	48,000	47,900	41,700	42,400	42,200
	SAN ANTONIO			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	601,300	609,200	611,100	46,600	47,100	47,400	58,100	58,700	58,000
Total Unemployment	36,600	39,100	48,900	2,400	2,600	3,400	3,300	3,400	4,900
Percent Unemployed	6.1%	6.4%	8.0%	5.2%	5.5%	7.2%	5.7%	5.8%	8.4%
Total Employment ++	564,700	570,100	562,200	44,200	44,500	44,000	54,800	55,300	53,100
	TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,600	75,100	74,600	36,000	35,800	35,700	92,700	93,600	91,600
Total Unemployment	4,000	4,200	5,700	2,000	1,700	2,500	4,800	4,800	6,000
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.6%	7.6%	5.6%	4.7%	7.0%	5.2%	5.1%	6.6%
Total Employment ++	70,600	70,900	68,900	34,000	34,100	33,200	87,900	88,800	85,600
	WICHITA FALLS						**STATE OF TEXAS*** **		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,100	56,300	56,400				8,320.6	8,391.8	8,302.0
Total Unemployment	3,000	3,000	3,800				480.6	490.2	631.8
Percent Unemployed	5.3%	5.3%	6.7%				5.8%	5.8%	7.6%
Total Employment ++	53,100	53,300	52,600				7,840.0	7,901.6	7,670.2

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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Unemployment Fluctuates Slightly

The number of jobless Texans fell somewhat, from 490,000 in December 1989 to 480,600 in January, leaving the actual unemployment rate the same, at 5.8 percent. The January rate was, however, considerably below the year-ago rate of 7.6 percent. Total employment declined by 62,000 over the month, but the current level was still 170,000 above the January 1989 estimate.

Unemployment for Texas declined in the seasonally adjusted series from 6.6 to 5.2 percent, well below the January 1989 rate of 7.0 percent. The U. S. actual rate rose from 5.1 to 5.9 percent, while the seasonally adjusted rate was unchanged between December 1989 and January, at 5.3 percent.

Normal seasonal factors played a part in the drop in total employment between December 1989 and January 1990, as workers who were hired for Christmas were laid off. Although it is unusual that unemployment in Texas did not rise, this may be partially due to the fact that many of those who lost jobs did not wish to look for other work immediately.

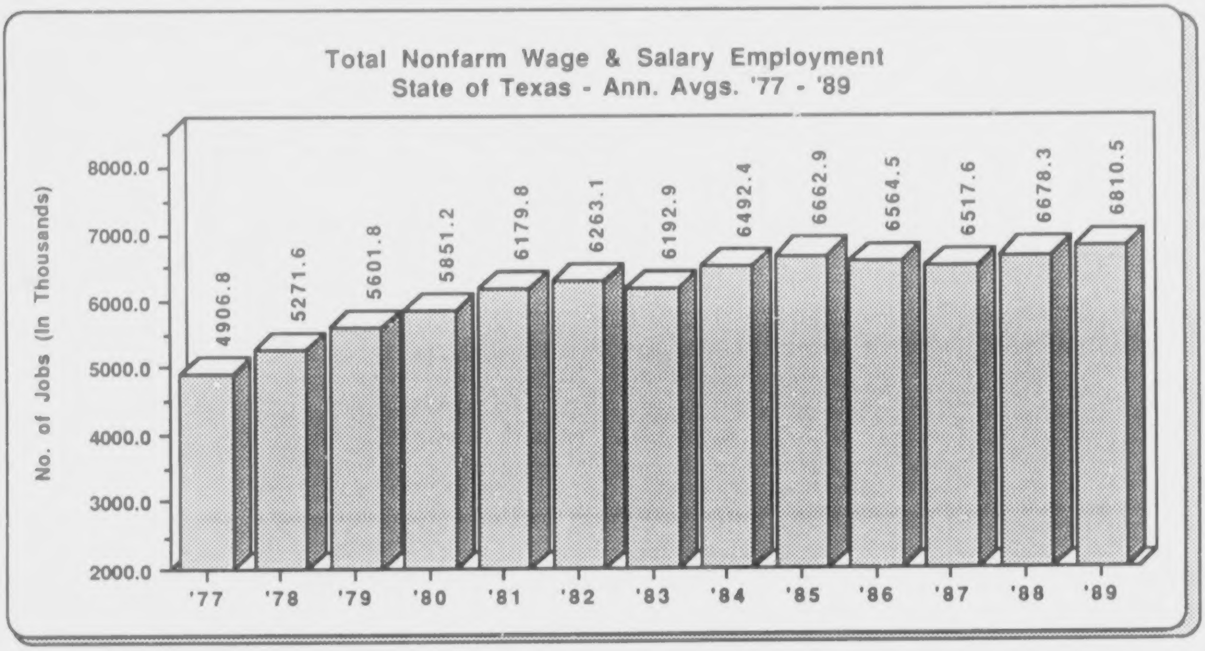
Seasonal Factors Decrease Wage and Salary Employment in January

The number of Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Jobs in Texas declined by 51,700 from December 1989 to January 1990, with Trade being the biggest loser, followed by Services. In mid-January, there were an estimated 6,853,000 Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas. This total was 164,500 above the January 1989 level.

Seasonal factors caused **Trade** to decline by 34,000, with almost all of the loss in the Retail Sector, especially in General Merchandise Stores. Seasonal factors also caused **Services** to drop by 8,700, with the largest declines in Business and Repair Services and in Hotels and Other Lodging Places.

Two sectors which added jobs over the month were Mining and Government. **Mining** went up by 700, with the January 1990 level up 200 from the year-ago estimate. Oil and Gas Extraction accounted for all of the gain in Mining. **Government** increased 400, up 44,700 from January 1989. Most of this gain occurred in Local Government, which was up 2,200 from a month ago, and up 33,000 from the year-ago level.

Manufacturing continued to decline in January 1990, with decreases in both the Durable and Nondurable Goods sectors. The largest drop in **Durables** was in Transportation Equipment where the change was down 3,000 from the month-ago level. Stone, Clay and Glass Products dropped by 600, and Primary Metal Industries decreased by 500 over the month.



TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Jan.'90*	Dec.'89**	Jan.'89**	Chg. from Dec.'89	Chg. from Jan.'89
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,853,000**	**6,904,700**	**6,688,500**	**-51,700**	**164,500**
MANUFACTURING	**961,800**	**969,300**	**964,100**	**-7,500**	**-2,300**
Durable Goods	**549,400**	**554,400**	**555,400**	**-5,000**	**-6,000**
Lumber & Wood Products	29,900	29,900	30,900	0	-1,000
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,800	6,800	7,000	0	-200
Furniture & Fixtures	16,700	16,800	16,000	-100	700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	36,000	36,600	37,100	-600	-1,100
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	15,600	15,900	16,500	-300	-900
Primary Metal Industries	28,400	28,900	29,200	-500	-800
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,700	77,700	76,400	0	1,300
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,300	37,400	36,700	-100	600
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	105,400	105,300	107,900	100	-2,500
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	23,400	23,200	24,600	200	-1,200
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	105,800	106,500	106,700	-700	-900
Transportation Equipment	97,500	100,500	99,400	-3,000	-1,900
Aircraft & Parts	72,500	72,900	71,400	-400	1,100
Instruments & Related Prod.	36,900	36,700	36,700	200	200
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,100	15,500	15 100	-400	0
Nondurable Goods	**412,400**	**414,900**	**408,700**	**-2,500**	**3,700**
Food & Kindred Products	96,900	97,900	96,700	-1,000	200
Meat Products	29,200	29,500	28,900	-300	300
Dairy Products	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	-200
Bakery Products	10,000	10,200	10,200	-200	-200
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	56,600	56,600	56,400	0	200
Paper & Allied Products	24,600	25,000	24,300	-400	300
Printing & Publishing	72,300	73,100	72,900	-800	-600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	34,400	34,700	34,800	-300	-400
Chemicals & Allied Products	81,100	81,300	79,000	-200	2,100
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,600	28,600	28,400	0	200
Petroleum Refining	25,400	25,400	25,300	0	100
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	40,700	40,500	39,400		
Leather & Leather Products	7,500	7,800	7,600	-300	-100
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,891,200**	**5,935,400**	**5,724,400**	**-44,200**	**166,800**
Mining	**175,300**	**174,600**	**175,100**	**700**	**200**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,800	9,800	9,800	0	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	165,500	164,800	165,300	700	200
Construction	**314,100**	**315,300**	**306,200**	**-1,200**	**7,900**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**405,700**	**406,900**	**392,800**	**-1,200**	**12,900**
Railroad Transportation	19,300	19,800	19,800	-500	-500
Transportation, exc. Railroads	223,900	224,400	213,900	-500	10,000
Transportation by Air	69,600	69,200	65,100	400	4,500
Communications	85,200	85,600	82,700	-400	2,500
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,300	77,100	76,400	200	900
Electric Services	40,800	40,500	41,000	300	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	27,700	27,700	27,400	0	300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,685,900**	**1,719,900**	**1,661,500**	**-34,000**	**24,400**
Wholesale Trade	426,200	427,000	418,900	-800	7,300
Retail Trade	1,259,700	1,292,900	1,242,600	-33,200	17,100
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	41,500	42,200	39,600	-700	1,900
General Merchandise Stores	177,200	189,400	175,500	-12,200	1,700
Food Stores	224,200	228,200	223,200	-4,000	1,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	135,300	136,000	136,400	-700	-1,100
Apparel & Accessory Stores	89,700	89,600	86,600	100	3,100
Eating & Drinking Places	408,800	417,600	397,100	-8,800	11,700
Other Retail Trade	183,000	189,900	184,200	-6,900	-1,200
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**431,600**	**431,800**	**431,600**	**-200**	**0**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	133,600	134,100	135,400	-500	-1,800
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	141,200	140,500	137,900	700	3,300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	156,800	157,200	158,300	-400	-1,500
Services	**1,632,100**	**1,640,800**	**1,555,400**	**-8,700**	**76,700**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,700	85,600	81,000	-1,900	2,700
Personal Services	77,300	77,600	76,900	-300	400
Business & Repair Services	411,900	414,900	395,000	-3,000	16,900
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	73,500	74,800	66,600	-1,300	6,900
Health Services	454,700	453,200	434,700	1,500	20,000
Educational Services	82,700	84,100	78,800	-1,400	3,900
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	147,300	146,900	135,100	400	12,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	301,000	303,700	287,300	-2,700	13,700
Total Government	**1,246,500**	**1,246,100**	**1,201,800**	**400**	**44,700**
Federal Government	204,500	205,700	201,500	-1,200	3,000
State Government	252,800	253,400	244,100	-600	8,700
Local Government	789,200	787,000	756,200	2,200	33,000

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	JAN.'90*	DEC.'89**	JAN.'89**	JAN.'90*	DEC.'89**	JAN.'89**	JAN.'90*	DEC.'89**	JAN.'89**	JAN.'90*	DEC.'89**	JAN.'89**
	ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**			**BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR**		
TOTAL	**48,700**	**49,000**	**48,800**	**75,600**	**77,000**	**75,500**	**364,800**	**368,400**	**358,100**	**136,700**	**137,200**	**132,400**
Manufacturing	4,900	4,900	4,800	9,100	9,100	8,900	45,300	45,500	42,700	24,600	24,700	24,700
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,200	1,100	1,300	600	700	600	1,600	1,500	1,500
Construction	1,400	1,400	1,600	3,300	3,400	3,100	10,800	10,800	11,800	10,100	10,300	8,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	5,700	5,700	5,500	11,100	11,300	10,900	9,400	9,500	9,600
Trade	13,200	13,500	13,500	21,500	22,400	21,900	78,200	80,600	77,800	32,600	32,800	31,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,200	2,200	2,400	4,000	4,000	4,200	23,600	23,900	23,400	5,300	5,300	5,200
Services & Misc.	14,000	14,000	13,500	16,700	17,000	16,600	91,300	91,300	86,900	32,000	31,900	30,500
Government	8,900	8,900	9,000	14,100	14,300	14,000	103,900	104,300	104,000	21,100	21,200	20,800
	BRAZORIA			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**			**BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION**			**CORPUS CHRISTI**		
TOTAL	**63,100**	**63,100**	**60,800**	**75,000**	**74,900**	**71,100**	**50,300**	**53,400**	**49,300**	**128,700**	**128,700**	**124,700**
Manufacturing	16,200	16,100	15,600	10,700	10,800	10,100	3,700	3,700	3,300	11,400	11,400	11,800
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	—	—	500	500	500	3,500	3,500	3,800
Construction	8,500	8,500	7,900	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,500	1,300	1,800	10,200	10,000	7,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,600	3,100	3,200	3,000	1,400	1,500	1,300	6,700	6,800	6,600
Trade	11,700	11,700	11,400	20,400	20,400	19,100	11,300	11,800	11,200	31,800	31,900	31,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,800	3,800	3,500	1,800	1,800	1,700	6,400	6,400	6,400
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,300	17,600	17,400	16,200	9,000	8,900	8,800	30,300	30,300	29,100
Government	11,600	11,600	11,200	17,300	17,200	17,200	21,100	23,900	20,700	28,400	28,400	27,500
	DALLAS ***			**EL PASO**			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**		
TOTAL	**1,354.3**	**1,367.2**	**1,324.5**	**204,700**	**206,900**	**197,400**	**564,000**	**571,200**	**549,300**	**73,600**	**73,400**	**71,700**
Manufacturing	220.9	223.2	222.4	40,400	40,900	40,000	117,300	120,000	119,100	9,100	8,900	8,400
Mining	17.2	17.1	17.9	—	—	–	4,100	4,100	3,600	600	500	500
Construction	44.1	45.8	46.4	8,400	8,000	7,400	20,800	21,100	20,000	6,200	6,100	5,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	79.7	80.2	74.5	10,200	10,300	10,800	53,300	53,700	50,000	4,700	4,700	4,700
Trade	352.7	358.2	341.2	52,200	53,500	49,200	144,000	146,700	141,500	13,500	13,700	13,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	129.6	130.1	129.2	8,600	8,400	8,800	27,900	27,900	27,300	4,500	4,400	4,400
Services & Misc.	349.5	352.5	338.8	41,400	41,900	39,400	122,800	123,800	118,000	13,300	13,400	13,200
Government	160.6	160.1	154.1	43,500	43,900	41,800	73,800	73,900	69,800	21,700	21,700	21,500
	HOUSTON ***			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**			**LONGVIEW-MARSHALL**		
TOTAL	**1,530.4**	**1,536.6**	**1,462.5**	**73,900**	**74,000**	**70,900**	**44,200**	**44,200**	**40,400**	**68,000**	**68,300**	**66,200**
Manufacturing	163.1	163.2	159.5	8,700	8,800	8,400	1,900	1,800	1,800	16,300	16,200	15,700
Mining	67.3	67.0	65.4	—	—	—	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,400	3,400	3,400
Construction	97.0	98.5	88.6	3,000	2,900	3,300	1,400	1,400	1,100	3,400	3,400	3,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	106.4	106.5	103.2	2,700	2,700	2,600	6,200	6,200	5,400	3,300	3,300	3,200
Trade	375.2	379.6	361.3	16,700	17,100	16,200	14,200	14,300	12,900	17,100	17,300	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	100.0	101.3	100.1	3,200	3,100	3,000	1,900	1,800	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,800
Services & Misc.	421.1	420.7	391.9	17,400	17,500	16,300	7,300	7,400	6,800	13,100	13,300	12,300
Government	200.3	199.8	192.5	22,200	21,900	21,100	9,700	9,700	9,100	8,700	8,700	8,700
	LUBBOCK			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**			**MIDLAND**			**ODESSA**		
TOTAL	**96,200**	**97,800**	**92,800**	**98,700**	**101,800**	**98,300**	**44,700**	**44,900**	**44,300**	**42,700**	**42,800**	**42,300**
Manufacturing	7,500	7,400	7,400	12,300	13,400	13,400	2,300	2,300	2,300	4,100	4,100	4,000
Mining	300	300	400	900	900	900	8,600	8,700	9,200	5,100	5,200	5,200
Construction	2,900	3,100	3,000	4,200	4,300	3,900	1,300	1,300	1,300	2,000	2,000	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,800	5,700	5,100	3,100	3,100	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	27,700	28,500	27,100	31,200	32,800	31,300	11,000	11,100	10,500	12,700	12,800	12,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,200	4,300	4,400	4,100	2,400	2,400	2,500	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	23,500	23,900	22,900	16,600	16,800	16,200	9,600	9,600	9,600	7,500	7,500	7,400
Government	23,100	23,500	21,700	26,100	26,100	25,600	7,200	7,200	6,600	7,800	7,700	7,700
	SAN ANGELO			**SAN ANTONIO**			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**		
TOTAL	**36,200**	**36,800**	**36,400**	**512,100**	**518,100**	**506,800**	**37,100**	**37,400**	**36,900**	**47,000**	**48,100**	**45,400**
Manufacturing	5,200	5,400	5,400	48,000	48,700	48,000	10,900	11,000	10,800	7,200	7,300	7,500
Mining	600	600	400	2,200	2,200	2,000	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,300	20,700	21,000	21,800	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	3,000	19,300	19,500	19,400	1,500	1,500	1,700	2,300	2,400	2,100
Trade	8,700	9,000	9,200	129,300	131,900	129,500	7,900	8,200	7,900	10,700	11,300	10,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	41,200	41,300	40,200	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,900	8,500	130,800	132,800	127,600	8,700	8,800	8,500	10,500	10,500	9,800
Government	7,400	7,400	6,900	120,600	120,700	118,300	4,400	4,400	4,500	12,800	13,100	12,300
	TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**			**WICHITA FALLS**		
TOTAL	**60,800**	**61,900**	**60,500**	**28,000**	**28,200**	**27,500**	**81,100**	**81,700**	**78,900**	**50,700**	**50,700**	**49,700**
Manufacturing	10,500	10,700	10,800	3,100	3,100	3,400	15,900	15,700	14,800	8,400	8,500	8,200
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,400	1,400	1,300	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,500
Construction	1,600	1,700	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,400	2,800	2,800	3,100	1,500	1,500	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,500	1,300	1,200	1,300	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,500	2,500	2,500
Trade	16,200	16,700	16,500	7,500	7,600	7,600	18,400	19,100	18,400	11,900	12,200	11,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,500	3,400	1,500	1,500	1,500	5,100	5,100	4,900	2,400	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,900	15,000	14,300	5,900	5,900	6,000	22,400	22,500	21,500	12,700	12,600	12,300
Government	9,800	9,900	9,600	5,600	5,800	5,000	13,000	13,000	12,800	9,900	9,700	9,700

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✢

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JAN.'90	DEC.'89	JAN.'89	JAN.'90	DEC.'89	JAN.'89	JAN.'90	DEC.'89	JAN.'89
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 433.06	$ 439.30	$ 419.80	41.6	42.2	41.4	$ 10.41	$10.41	$10.14
Durable Goods	431.57	441.76	421.41	41.9	42.6	41.6	10.30	10.37	10.13
Lumber & Wood Products	298.89	310.55	289.04	40.5	42.6	40.2	7.38	7.29	7.19
Furniture & Fixtures	275.18	283.01	264.13	39.2	40.2	39.6	7.02	7.04	6.67
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	413.27	410.61	388.96	42.3	42.2	40.9	9.77	9.73	9.51
Primary Metal Industries	489.34	488.68	448.26	42.7	43.4	41.2	11.46	11.26	10.88
Fabricated Metal Products	400.83	407.39	387.72	43.1	43.9	42.7	9.30	9.28	9.08
Machinery, exc. Electric	417.99	432.48	429.57	41.1	42.4	43.0	10.17	10.20	9.99
Oil Field Machinery	522.82	543.72	493.49	44.8	46.0	44.7	11.67	11.82	11.04
Electric & Electronic Equip.	498.74	516.77	478.40	42.7	43.1	41.6	11.68	11.99	11.50
Transportation Equipment	546.55	563.64	543.10	42.5	42.7	41.3	12.86	13.20	13.15
Instruments & Related Prod.	404.67	404.89	391.72	41.0	41.4	40.3	9.87	9.78	9.72
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	299.53	301.36	272.31	38.9	39.6	38.3	7.70	7.61	7.11
Nondurable Goods	434.25	436.18	417.58	41.2	41.7	41.1	10.54	10.46	10.16
Food & Kindred Products	349.61	353.62	340.31	40.7	41.7	41.2	8.59	8.48	8.26
Meat Products	270.28	268.94	252.89	40.4	40.2	39.7	6.69	6.69	6.37
Malt Beverages	787.27	895.56	862.41	42.1	48.2	45.8	18.70	18.58	18.83
Textile Mill Products	334.37	332.99	348.67	43.2	43.7	45.4	7.74	7.62	7.68
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	199.72	207.05	210.92	37.4	38.7	38.7	5.34	5.35	5.45
Paper & Allied Products	505.65	520.52	474.77	44.2	45.5	43.2	11.44	11.44	10.99
Printing & Publishing	412.09	414.40	398.48	39.7	40.0	38.8	10.38	10.36	10.27
Chemicals & Allied Products	712.06	709.25	666.02	43.9	43.7	42.1	16.22	16.23	15.82
Petroleum & Coal Products	766.99	739.91	700.19	46.4	45.9	44.4	16.53	16.12	15.77
Petroleum Refining	801.37	770.33	729.49	46.7	46.1	44.4	17.16	16.71	16.43
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	363.19	374.18	373.22	40.9	41.3	42.8	8.88	9.06	8.72
Leather & Leather Products	252.85	243.96	233.63	38.9	38.0	38.3	6.50	6.42	6.10
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	555.44	558.11	519.30	41.7	41.9	40.1	13.32	13.32	12.95
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	546.55	558.45	520.26	46.2	45.7	43.5	11.83	12.22	11.96
Oil & Gas Extraction	555.49	557.86	518.59	41.3	41.6	39.8	13.45	13.41	13.03
Communications	500.62	507.76	506.88	39.7	39.7	39.6	12.61	12.79	12.80
Elec., Gas & San. Services	508.53	511.60	497.34	40.2	40.7	40.9	12.65	12.57	12.16
Wholesale & Retail Trade	234.24	241.36	235.30	32.0	33.2	32.5	7.32	7.27	7.24
Wholesale Trade	410.16	417.78	409.22	39.1	39.6	39.5	10.49	10.55	10.36
Retail Trade	180.90	188.74	182.40	29.9	31.3	30.4	6.05	6.03	6.00
General Merchandise Stores	181.10	198.49	171.38	29.4	32.7	28.9	6.16	6.07	5.93
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	280.44	282.33	296.74	36.9	37.1	39.2	7.60	7.61	7.57

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 451.12	$ 460.71	$ 429.52	42.2	43.3	41.3	$ 10.69	$ 10.64	$ 10.40
Durable Goods	485.35	496.81	467.74	42.8	44.2	41.8	11.34	11.24	11.19
Nondurable Goods	392.22	400.98	363.69	41.2	41.9	40.5	9.52	9.57	8.98
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	464.67	461.34	442.54	41.6	41.6	40.9	11.17	11.09	10.82
Durable Goods	493.22	483.21	463.40	42.3	41.8	40.9	11.66	11.56	11.33
Nondurable Goods	405.22	412.82	394.94	40.2	41.2	40.8	10.08	10.02	9.68
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	521.84	530.74	515.81	44.0	44.6	44.2	11.86	11.90	11.67
Durable Goods	441.50	454.27	440.55	43.8	44.8	45.0	10.08	10.14	9.79
Nondurable Goods	622.78	628.70	610.73	44.2	44.4	43.1	14.09	14.16	14.17
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	302.47	311.08	297.75	40.6	41.7	39.7	7.45	7.46	7.50
Durable Goods	321.20	329.64	325.36	39.9	40.2	39.2	8.05	8.20	8.30
Nondurable Goods	284.28	293.94	271.62	41.2	43.1	40.3	6.90	6.82	6.74

✢Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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Nondurables registered a loss of 2,500 from the December level, with the largest drop occurring in Food and Kindred Products, which was down 1,000 from the month-ago level, and down 200 from the year-ago level. Other losses were noted in Paper and Allied Products, Printing and Publishing, Chemicals and Allied Products, and also in Leather and Leather Products.

Annual Average Jobs Count Grows

Between 1988 and 1989, Texas employers created an average of over 132,000 additional Nonfarm Salaried Jobs, an increase of 2.0 percent. This brought the Nonfarm Wage and Salary job count to a record high (see **Graph** on **page 3**). Manufacturing increased by over 7,000, with Nondurables up by 4,500, slightly more than the 3,000 gain in Durables. Nonmanufacturing showed the largest gains in Services followed by Government, Wholesale and Retail Trade, and Transportation and Public Utilities. The largest losses occurred in Construction and Mining, followed by Finance, Insurance and Real Estate.

Average Weekly Earnings Decrease

For the estimated 627,300 Texas Manufacturing Production workers, Average Hourly Earnings remained the same between December 1989 and January 1990. Average Weekly Hours decreased by six tenths of an hour overall, causing Average Weekly Earnings to drop by $6.24 over the month. The only increases in the number of hours worked were small gains which occurred in Stone, Clay and Glass Products, Meat Products, Chemicals and Allied Products, Petroleum and Coal Products, and Leather and Leather Products.

The most significant decreases in Average Hours were seen in Durable Goods, with the largest losses in Lumber and Wood Products, Furniture and Fixtures, and Machinery (except Electric). The most significant loss in Nondurable Goods occurred in Malt Beverages, with a drop of 6.1 hours on average. Other losses in Nondurables were seen in Food and Kindred Products, Textile Mill Products, Apparel and Other Textile Products, Paper and Allied Products, Printing and Publishing and Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products.

In mid-January a worker, on average, was earning $10.41 per hour for a 41.6-hour week, making $433.06 in Weekly Earnings. Compared to the January 1989 level, Average Hourly Earnings were up 27 cents, with Average Weekly Hours up by two tenths of an hour. Average Weekly Earnings, from the year-ago level, had risen by $13.26.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	JAN '90	JAN '89
Total Population	17,068,000*	16,913,900*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.8	1.7
UI Covered Employers	312,276	310,713
Total Claims Actions	738,514	613,842
Total Initial Claims Actions	88,373	74,063
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	650,141	539,779
Total Placements	27,708	28,278
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$153.35	$153.57
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$74,511,388	$65,679,340

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JOIN IN AND BE COUNTED!

The Texas Employment Commission joins the Census Bureau in urging all employers and individuals to fill out and return your 1990 Census forms when they are received. Data from the Census provide the source of many detailed forms of statistics which would otherwise be impossible to collect. Among these are various numbers which are used by TEC as inputs in the calculation of your area employment and unemployment estimates each month. Without these inputs, our monthly labor force estimates for Metropolitan Statistical Areas, counties and cities would be less accurate or unavailable.

Please urge your employees and co-workers to fill out and return this important document. All information provided on the Census forms is kept strictly confidential and only total estimates for various areas and sectors of the population are ever released.

Unemployment Rises Seasonally

Over 100,000 additional Texans were estimated to be seeking work in February, compared to the January level. Total unemployment in mid-February was 587,500 in the actual series, with the rate at 7.0 percent—up considerably from the 5.8 percent recorded in January. While at first glance, this increase seems unusually large, much of it represents a normal seasonal rise in unemployment, as workers hired for Christmas were laid off following inventory-taking. The current rate was still below the year-ago rate of 7.4 percent. Total employment declined between January and February by over 50,000, but the current estimate was over 125,000 above the February 1989 level.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate also rose over the month, from 5.2 percent in January to 6.4 percent in February. The National seasonally adjusted rate was unchanged over the month, at 5.3 percent, while the actual U. S. rate was 5.8 percent in February, down minimally from 5.9 percent in January.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Feb.'90	Jan.'90	Feb.'89
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	123,442.0	123,293.0	121,906.0
Unemployment	7,134.0	7,256.0	6,883.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.8%**	**5.9%**	**5.6%**
Total Employment	116,308.0	116,037.0	115,023.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,629.0	124,398.0	123,117.0
Unemployment	6,594.0	6,535.0	6,360.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.3%**	**5.3%**	**5.2%**
Total Employment	118,035.0	117,863.0	116,757.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,375.4	8,320.6	8,272.7
Unemployment	587.5	480.6	611.1
Percent Unemployed	**7.0%**	**5.8%**	**7.4%**
Total Employment	7,787.9	7,840.0	7,661.6
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,494.0	8,440.0	8,391.0
Unemployment	545.0	441.0	569.0
Percent Unemployed	**6.4%**	**5.2%**	**6.8%**
Total Employment	7,949.0	7,999.0	7,822.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,000	51,800	52,500	94,400	94,300	96,100	429,500	428,400	426,100
Total Unemployment	3,400	2,800	3,700	5,800	4,300	6,100	21,400	18,100	24,000
Percent Unemployed	**6.5%**	**5.4%**	**7.0%**	**6.1%**	**4.6%**	**6.3%**	**5.0%**	**4.2%**	**5.6%**
Total Employment ++	48,600	49,000	48,800	88,600	90,000	90,000	408,100	410,300	402,100
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	161,300	160,900	161,900	85,000	84,700	83,100	105,700	104,200	101,300
Total Unemployment	13,800	11,200	16,300	5,600	4,800	6,100	13,300	11,000	12,800
Percent Unemployed	**8.6%**	**7.0%**	**10.1%**	**6.6%**	**5.7%**	**7.3%**	**12.6%**	**10.6%**	**12.6%**
Total Employment ++	147,500	149,700	145,600	79,400	79,900	77,000	92,400	93,200	88,500
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,200	58,500	60,600	157,700	156,400	156,400	1,436.4	1,431.3	1,421.5
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,000	2,900	12,200	10,000	14,000	79.6	64.6	81.1
Percent Unemployed	**4.2%**	**3.4%**	**4.8%**	**7.7%**	**6.4%**	**9.0%**	**5.5%**	**4.5%**	**5.7%**
Total Employment ++	58,600	56,500	57,700	145,500	146,400	142,400	1,356.8	1,366.7	1,340.4
		EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
Total Civilian Labor Force	256,200	249,700	243,600	725,800	716,100	706,000	107,700	106,600	106,800
Total Unemployment	31,200	24,100	26,400	44,900	33,400	41,800	8,600	6,700	8,400
Percent Unemployed	**12.2%**	**9.7%**	**10.8%**	**6.2%**	**4.7%**	**5.9%**	**8.0%**	**6.3%**	**7.9%**
Total Employment ++	225,000	225,600	217,200	680,900	682,700	664,200	99,100	99,900	98,400
		HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,671.8	1,666.9	1,631.8	98,000	97,000	94,700	53,200	53,700	52,000
Total Unemployment	95.7	79.0	102.2	7,600	6,100	8,000	6,400	6,300	7,800
Percent Unemployed	**5.7%**	**4.7%**	**6.3%**	**7.8%**	**6.3%**	**8.4%**	**12.0%**	**11.7%**	**15.0%**
Total Employment ++	1,576.1	1,587.9	1,529.6	90,400	90,900	86,700	46,800	47,400	44,200
		LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION	
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,500	79,100	79,000	113,100	113,100	112,300	171,900	165,700	163,200
Total Unemployment	6,100	5,200	7,500	5,600	4,900	6,200	40,700	33,600	32,000
Percent Unemployed	**7.7%**	**6.6%**	**9.5%**	**5.0%**	**4.3%**	**5.5%**	**23.7%**	**20.3%**	**19.6%**
Total Employment ++	73,400	73,900	71,500	107,500	108,200	106,100	131,200	132,100	131,200
		MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,700	48,500	49,300	51,200	50,900	52,100	44,100	43,700	45,300
Total Unemployment	3,200	2,600	3,200	3,900	3,200	4,600	2,700	2,300	2,700
Percent Unemployed	**6.6%**	**5.4%**	**6.5%**	**7.6%**	**6.3%**	**8.8%**	**6.1%**	**5.3%**	**6.0%**
Total Employment ++	45,500	45,900	46,100	47,300	47,700	47,500	41,400	41,400	42,600
		SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA	
Total Civilian Labor Force	607,300	602,200	607,000	47,000	46,800	46,700	58,300	58,200	57,400
Total Unemployment	45,500	36,300	46,900	2,900	2,300	3,200	3,800	3,300	4,800
Percent Unemployed	**7.5%**	**6.0%**	**7.7%**	**6.2%**	**4.9%**	**6.9%**	**6.5%**	**5.7%**	**8.4%**
Total Employment ++	561,800	565,900	560,100	44,100	44,500	43,500	54,500	54,900	52,600
		TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,900	74,000	75,000	35,800	35,800	35,300	93,200	92,300	91,300
Total Unemployment	5,100	4,000	5,600	2,200	2,000	2,300	5,600	4,700	5,500
Percent Unemployed	**6.8%**	**5.4%**	**7.5%**	**6.1%**	**5.6%**	**6.5%**	**6.0%**	**5.1%**	**6.0%**
Total Employment ++	69,800	70,000	69,400	33,600	33,800	33,000	87,600	87,600	85,800
		WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,300	56,300	55,800				8,375.4	8,320.6	8,272.7
Total Unemployment	3,500	2,900	3,800				587.5	480.6	611.1
Percent Unemployed	**6.2%**	**5.2%**	**6.8%**				**7.0%**	**5.8%**	**7.4%**
Total Employment ++	52,800	53,400	52,000				7,787.9	7,840.0	7,661.6

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Increase

There were an additional 23,000 jobs added to the Statewide **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** between January and February 1990, bringing the total to 6,875,500 in mid-February. The current Nonfarm Salaried Jobs estimate was over 150,000 above the February 1989 level. Only two major industry categories recorded significant gains over the month; and most of the gains in these sectors were seasonal in nature. Government and Services each had monthly gains of over 10,000. Most other sectors had moderate growth, with the primary exception of Trade, which continued its usual slump in February.

Hiring for the spring semester at state and local schools and universities boosted employment in **Government** by over 18,000, with over three-fourths of the increase concentrated in the local educational sector. Federal Government lost 500 jobs over the month, as some workers hired for the busy Holiday season were released from jobs.

While the opening of private schools and colleges helped augment payrolls in Educational Services, that increase was only one of several sizeable gains which pushed employment up by close to 12,000 in **Services**. Other segments which rose over the month included Engineering and Management Services, as well as Personal Services (where the beginning of tax preparation season boosted employment), and Health Services. Other Service sectors recorded more modest growth, but none of the industries in this group declined over the month.

Construction employment bounced back from its January loss, as 1,400 jobs were added in February. Despite the over-the-month volatility, however, the number of jobs in Construction remained over 7,000 above its year-ago level, showing a modest long-term improvement in this industry.

A moderate increase among Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers provided the bulk of the gain within **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**, which rose by only 600 in February. **Mining** had a minimal increase of 100 jobs over the month, but the current level was 1,500 above its year-ago level.

The only notable declines in February occurred in **Trade**, where continued layoffs of workers hired for the Holiday season pushed employment down by an additional 11,200. The largest of these downturns were centered in General Merchandise Stores, Apparel and Accessory Stores, and in Other Retail Trade (which includes specialty stores). All of these sectors normally add jobs to assist in the Christmas rush and in inventory-taking afterward. The only notable increase in Trade occurred in Eating and Drinking Places, which rose moderately, due in part to students returning to work.

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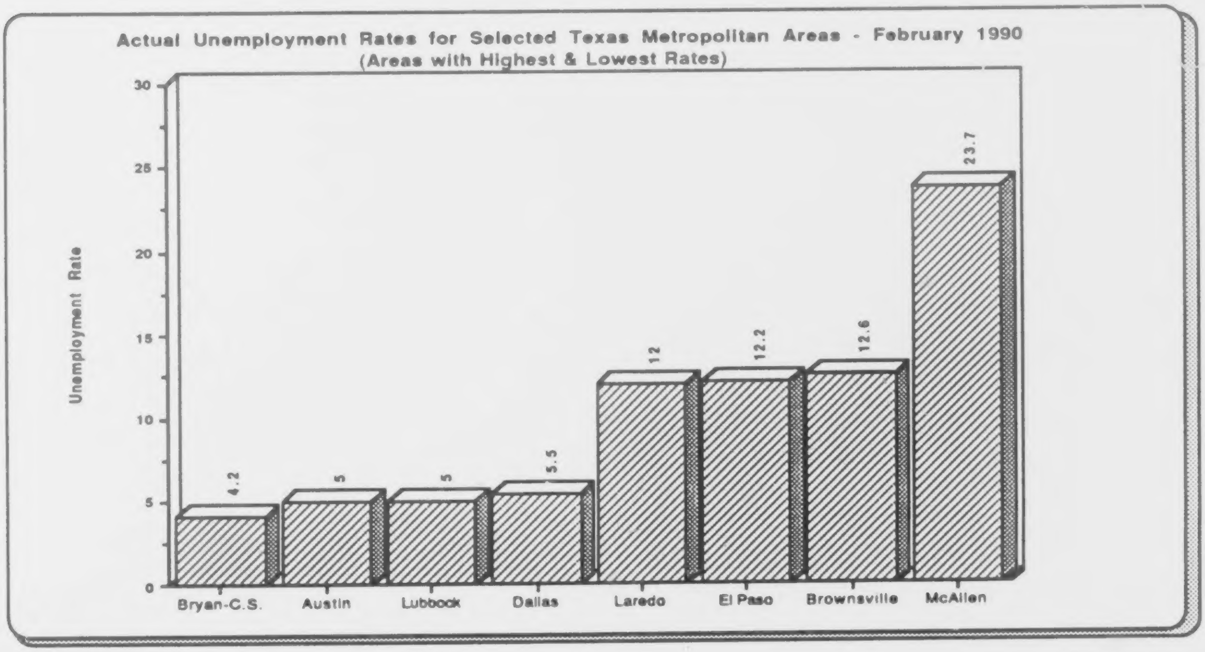

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Feb.'90*	Jan.'90**	Feb.'89**	Chg. from Jan.'90	Chg. from Feb.'89
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,875,500**	**6,852,400**	**6,721,700**	**23,100**	**153,800**
MANUFACTURING	**965,100**	**961,900**	**965,100**	**3,200**	**0**
Durable Goods	**553,200**	**549,900**	**556,200**	**3,300**	**-3,000**
Lumber & Wood Products	30,300	30,000	31,000	300	-700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,800	6,700	7,100	100	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,800	16,600	16,000	200	800
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	36,500	36,200	36,800	300	-300
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	15,600	15,600	16,300	0	-700
Primary Metal Industries	28,500	28,500	29,200	0	-700
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,800	77,700	77,100	100	700
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,500	37,300	36,900	200	600
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	105,700	105,600	107,800	100	-2,100
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	23,100	22,900	24,100	200	-1,000
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	105,200	105,800	106,500	-600	-1,300
Transportation Equipment	100,100	97,700	99,500	2,400	600
Aircraft & Parts	72,500	72,500	71,500	0	1,000
Instruments & Related Prod.	37,000	36,800	36,900	200	100
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,300	15,000	15,400	300	-100
Nondurable Goods	**411,900**	**412,000**	**408,900**	**-100**	**3,000**
Food & Kindred Products	96,300	96,200	95,700	100	600
Meat Products	29,300	29,100	28,600	200	700
Dairy Products	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Bakery Products	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	0
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	56,200	56,500	56,500	-300	-300
Paper & Allied Products	24,500	24,600	24,400	-100	100
Printing & Publishing	72,600	72,600	73,000	0	-400
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	34,600	34,600	35,100	0	-500
Chemicals & Allied Products	81,500	81,300	79,100	200	2,400
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,700	28,600	28,400	100	300
Petroleum Refining	25,500	25,400	25,200	100	300
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	40,600	40,700	40,000	-100	600
Leather & Leather Products	7,500	7,500	7,800	0	-300
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,910,400**	**5,890,500**	**5,756,600**	**19,900**	**153,800**
Mining	**174,700**	**174,600**	**173,200**	**100**	**1,500**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,800	9,800	9,700	0	100
Oil & Gas Extraction	164,900	164,800	163,500	100	1,400
Construction	**314,100**	**312,700**	**306,900**	**1,400**	**7,200**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**406,100**	**407,200**	**394,100**	**-1,100**	**12,000**
Railroad Transportation	19,100	19,100	19,800	0	-700
Other Transportation	224,500	225,900	214,900	-1,400	9,600
Transportation by Air	70,500	69,700	65,600	800	4,900
Communications	85,800	85,300	83,000	500	2,800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,700	76,900	76,400	-200	300
Electric Services	40,300	40,600	41,000	-300	-700
Gas Production & Distribution	27,500	27,500	27,400	0	100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,680,300**	**1,691,500**	**1,651,500**	**-11,200**	**28,800**
Wholesale Trade	426,200	426,200	420,300	0	5,900
Retail Trade	1,254,100	1,265,300	1,231,200	-11,200	22,900
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	41,600	41,400	39,600	200	2,000
General Merchandise Stores	170,700	177,300	170,100	-6,600	600
Food Stores	222,600	223,200	222,900	-600	-300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	135,600	135,400	135,800	200	-200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	84,000	88,300	82,200	-4,300	1,800
Eating & Drinking Places	416,700	414,300	399,500	2,400	17,200
Other Retail Trade	182,900	185,400	181,100	-2,500	1,800
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**432,700**	**432,100**	**431,500**	**600**	**1,200**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	133,600	133,600	135,500	0	-1,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	141,600	141,100	138,200	500	3,400
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	157,500	157,400	157,800	100	-300
Services	**1,640,400**	**1,628,600**	**1,573,100**	**11,800**	**67,300**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,700	83,500	82,400	200	1,300
Personal Services	79,400	78,100	77,500	1,300	1,900
Business & Repair Services	412,700	411,900	394,000	800	18,700
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	73,700	73,300	69,100	400	4,600
Health Services	455,000	453,700	438,100	1,300	16,900
Educational Services	84,300	81,300	84,800	3,000	-500
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	148,400	146,700	137,300	1,700	11,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	303,200	300,100	289,900	3,100	13,300
Total Government	**1,262,100**	**1,243,800**	**1,226,300**	**18,300**	**35,800**
Federal Government	204,500	205,000	201,900	-500	2,600
State Government	258,200	253,400	248,800	4,800	9,400
Local Government	799,400	785,400	775,600	14,000	23,800

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90**	FEB.'89**
Industry		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR	
TOTAL	**48,800**	**48,700**	**48,600**	**75,400**	**76,000**	**75,700**	**368,000**	**366,400**	**359,700**	**136,200**	**136,800**	**133,200**
Manufacturing	5,000	4,900	4,800	9,000	9,000	8,800	45,500	45,500	42,700	24,400	24,700	24,600
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,100	1,200	1,300	600	600	700	1,600	1,600	1,500
Construction	1,400	1,400	1,600	3,200	3,300	3,100	10,600	10,700	11,600	10,100	10,100	9,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	5,600	5,600	5,500	11,300	11,100	11,000	9,400	9,500	9,600
Trade	13,200	13,200	13,200	21,100	21,700	21,900	77,900	78,500	77,200	32,100	32,500	31,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,200	2,200	2,400	4,000	4,000	4,200	23,800	23,600	23,500	5,300	5,300	5,200
Services & Misc.	14,100	14,100	13,600	17,000	16,900	16,700	91,500	91,300	87,400	32,100	32,000	30,700
Government	8,900	8,900	9,000	14,400	14,300	14,200	106,800	105,100	105,600	21,200	21,100	21,000
		BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI	
TOTAL	**63,300**	**63,000**	**60,800**	**75,000**	**75,200**	**71,800**	**53,100**	**50,800**	**51,900**	**129,400**	**128,600**	**125,700**
Manufacturing	16,000	16,000	15,700	10,800	10,700	10,300	3,700	3,700	3,500	11,600	11,400	11,600
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	—	—	500	500	500	3,500	3,500	3,700
Construction	8,500	8,400	7,900	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,400	1,500	1,700	10,400	10,200	8,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,400	3,000	3,100	3,000	1,400	1,400	1,300	6,700	6,700	6,500
Trade	11,700	11,800	11,000	20,500	20,700	19,200	11,500	11,200	11,800	31,900	32,000	31,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,700	3,800	3,600	1,800	1,800	1,600	6,400	6,300	6,500
Services & Misc.	9,000	8,900	8,500	17,300	17,500	16,500	9,100	8,900	8,900	30,400	30,300	29,400
Government	11,800	11,500	11,500	17,600	17,300	17,200	23,700	21,800	22,600	28,500	28,200	28,300
		DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
TOTAL	**1,354.7**	**1,351.2**	**1,329.8**	**207,400**	**205,500**	**198,400**	**569,100**	**564,600**	**551,400**	**73,600**	**73,700**	**72,400**
Manufacturing	221.7	221.5	223.4	40,400	40,700	40,100	120,200	117,500	119,200	9,000	9,100	8,500
Mining	17.1	17.1	17.7	—	—	—	4,000	4,100	3,700	600	600	500
Construction	44.3	44.4	45.8	8,500	8,400	7,500	21,300	20,600	19,500	6,300	6,300	5,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	79.6	79.8	75.1	10,300	10,400	10,700	54,600	53,700	50,500	4,700	4,600	4,700
Trade	352.8	353.0	339.9	52,200	52,100	49,300	142,600	143,700	141,100	13,500	13,600	13,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	130.5	129.9	128.6	8,600	8,500	8,700	28,000	27,900	27,400	4,400	4,400	4,500
Services & Misc.	347.3	345.8	342.2	42,000	41,500	39,100	124,300	123,000	119,400	13,400	13,400	13,400
Government	161.4	159.7	157.1	45,400	43,900	43,000	74,100	74,100	70,600	21,700	21,700	21,900
		HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL	
TOTAL	**1,526.6**	**1,522.8**	**1,470.2**	**73,700**	**73,700**	**71,000**	**43,200**	**43,500**	**40,900**	**68,500**	**68,000**	**66,100**
Manufacturing	162.9	162.7	160.0	8,600	8,700	8,500	1,800	1,800	1,700	16,500	16,300	15,800
Mining	67.4	66.5	65.2	—	—	—	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,300	3,400	3,300
Construction	98.6	97.7	90.8	3,000	3,000	3,300	1,200	1,200	1,100	3,500	3,500	2,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	106.3	106.4	103.9	2,700	2,700	2,600	6,100	6,100	5,400	3,500	3,300	3,200
Trade	365.5	369.0	358.4	16,300	16,500	16,100	13,800	14,100	13,000	16,800	17,000	16,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	101.2	101.2	100.3	3,200	3,200	2,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	421.3	418.0	396.4	17,400	17,400	16,400	7,100	7,200	6,700	13,500	13,100	12,700
Government	203.4	201.3	195.2	22,500	22,200	21,200	9,700	9,600	9,600	8,700	8,700	8,700
		LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA	
TOTAL	**95,600**	**95,400**	**93,400**	**98,700**	**98,800**	**98,700**	**44,600**	**44,500**	**44,500**	**42,500**	**42,500**	**42,400**
Manufacturing	7,300	7,300	7,300	12,500	12,300	13,300	2,300	2,400	2,300	4,100	4,100	4,000
Mining	300	300	400	900	900	900	8,500	8,600	8,900	5,100	5,100	5,100
Construction	3,000	2,900	3,100	4,100	4,200	4,100	1,300	1,300	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,700	5,700	4,900	3,000	3,100	2,900	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	27,300	27,500	27,100	30,800	31,100	31,200	10,900	10,900	10,500	12,500	12,500	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,300	4,200	4,300	4,200	2,400	2,400	2,500	1,600	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	23,400	23,300	23,200	16,600	16,600	16,100	9,600	9,600	9,600	7,400	7,500	7,500
Government	23,200	23,000	22,100	26,600	26,300	26,000	7,300	7,000	6,900	7,900	7,900	7,800
		SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA	
TOTAL	**36,100**	**36,400**	**36,900**	**512,100**	**511,200**	**508,500**	**37,200**	**37,200**	**36,500**	**47,000**	**47,100**	**45,500**
Manufacturing	5,100	5,200	5,500	47,700	48,000	47,900	10,900	10,900	10,700	7,100	7,200	7,300
Mining	600	600	500	2,200	2,200	2,100	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,300	20,800	20,600	21,500	1,800	1,700	1,500	1,400	1,500	1,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,700	3,000	19,700	19,500	19,500	1,500	1,500	1,700	2,400	2,400	2,100
Trade	8,800	8,800	9,000	128,000	128,700	127,900	8,000	8,000	7,800	10,500	10,700	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,700	1,700	41,200	41,200	40,500	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,700	131,300	131,000	129,400	8,700	8,700	8,400	10,800	10,600	9,800
Government	7,500	7,500	7,200	121,200	120,000	119,700	4,400	4,400	4,500	12,900	12,800	12,500
		TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS	
TOTAL	**61,800**	**61,300**	**60,800**	**28,100**	**28,000**	**27,200**	**81,600**	**81,200**	**79,200**	**50,700**	**50,700**	**49,500**
Manufacturing	10,900	10,600	11,000	3,100	3,000	3,300	15,900	15,900	15,000	8,500	8,400	8,200
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,300	1,300	1,300	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,500
Construction	1,600	1,700	1,500	1,700	1,700	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,800	1,500	1,500	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,500	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,500	2,500	2,500
Trade	16,300	16,400	16,100	7,500	7,600	7,400	18,300	18,300	18,200	11,800	11,900	11,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,400	3,400	1,500	1,500	1,500	5,100	5,200	4,900	2,400	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	15,200	15,000	14,400	5,900	5,900	6,000	22,800	22,400	21,800	12,700	12,700	12,400
Government	9,900	9,800	10,200	5,800	5,700	5,000	13,200	13,100	13,100	9,900	9,900	9,800

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS +

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90	FEB.'89	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90	FEB.'89	FEB.'90*	JAN.'90	FEB.'89
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 429.32	$ 433.26	$ 418.18	41.4	41.7	41.2	$ 10.37	$10.39	$10.15
Durable Goods	430.34	430.96	417.77	41.7	41.8	41.2	10.32	10.31	10.14
Lumber & Wood Products	299.52	307.10	297.44	41.2	41.5	41.6	7.27	7.40	7.15
Furniture & Fixtures	288.15	274.01	260.74	40.3	39.2	38.4	7.15	6.99	6.79
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	404.49	411.87	383.11	41.7	42.2	40.2	9.70	9.76	9.53
Primary Metal Industries	475.45	480.39	436.85	42.3	42.4	40.3	11.24	11.33	10.84
Fabricated Metal Products	395.17	396.44	385.48	42.4	42.4	42.5	9.32	9.35	9.07
Machinery, exc. Electric	424.69	413.24	410.44	41.8	41.2	41.5	10.16	10.03	9.89
Oil Field Machinery	508.81	505.04	461.61	43.6	43.5	41.4	11.67	11.61	11.15
Electric & Electronic Equip.	492.82	509.65	475.32	41.8	42.4	40.8	11.79	12.02	11.65
Transportation Equipment	548.47	544.38	549.19	41.9	42.2	41.7	13.09	12.90	13.17
Instruments & Related Prod.	406.70	409.92	400.55	41.5	42.0	40.5	9.80	9.76	9.89
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	284.26	296.83	270.74	37.7	38.7	38.9	7.54	7.67	6.96
Nondurable Goods	429.08	435.34	418.59	41.1	41.5	41.2	10.44	10.49	10.16
Food & Kindred Products	349.38	356.10	333.70	41.2	41.6	40.4	8.48	8.56	8.26
Meat Products	268.46	275.72	246.63	40.8	41.4	38.9	6.58	6.66	6.34
Malt Beverages	824.95	787.27	865.30	44.4	42.1	46.1	18.58	18.70	18.77
Textile Mill Products	328.10	337.03	345.33	42.5	43.6	45.2	7.72	7.73	7.64
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	207.18	207.43	208.74	37.6	38.7	38.8	5.51	5.36	5.38
Paper & Allied Products	489.06	498.08	481.43	42.9	43.5	43.1	11.40	11.45	11.17
Printing & Publishing	406.02	405.38	396.15	40.2	39.9	38.8	10.10	10.16	10.21
Chemicals & Allied Products	693.83	714.12	678.54	43.5	44.0	43.0	15.95	16.23	15.78
Petroleum & Coal Products	739.05	750.92	709.63	44.9	45.9	44.8	16.46	16.36	15.84
Petroleum Refining	769.14	782.78	740.70	44.9	46.1	45.0	17.13	16.98	16.46
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	369.82	363.81	365.93	41.0	40.2	42.6	9.02	9.05	8.59
Leather & Leather Products	248.82	248.04	239.20	39.0	39.0	41.1	6.38	6.36	5.82
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	567.74	552.53	528.12	42.4	41.7	40.1	13.39	13.25	13.17
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	555.22	545.36	517.65	46.0	46.1	42.5	12.07	11.83	12.18
Oil & Gas Extraction	568.35	552.18	528.68	42.1	41.3	39.9	13.50	13.37	13.25
Communications	516.09	518.00	519.30	40.1	40.0	40.1	12.87	12.95	12.95
Elec., Gas & San. Services	517.06	512.86	491.67	41.2	40.8	40.4	12.55	12.57	12.17
Wholesale & Retail Trade	238.14	235.06	232.64	32.4	32.2	32.0	7.35	7.30	7.27
Wholesale Trade	419.61	408.72	407.42	39.4	39.0	39.1	10.65	10.48	10.42
Retail Trade	182.11	182.11	178.80	30.2	30.1	29.8	6.03	6.05	6.00
General Merchandise Stores	179.89	181.29	168.39	28.6	29.1	28.3	6.29	6.23	5.95
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	287.64	282.33	280.12	37.6	37.1	37.3	7.65	7.61	7.51

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FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 441.21	$ 450.71	$ 426.21	42.1	42.6	41.1	$ 10.48	$ 10.58	$ 10.37
Durable Goods	472.76	486.60	463.56	42.4	43.1	41.5	11.15	11.29	11.17
Nondurable Goods	388.96	390.31	361.18	41.6	41.7	40.4	9.35	9.36	8.94
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	462.02	455.26	439.42	41.4	41.2	40.8	11.16	11.05	10.77
Durable Goods	482.38	476.32	455.22	41.3	41.6	40.5	11.68	11.45	11.24
Nondurable Goods	414.59	410.46	406.58	41.5	40.4	41.7	9.99	10.16	9.75
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	521.02	522.10	502.67	43.6	43.8	43.0	11.95	11.92	11.69
Durable Goods	446.18	439.64	421.83	43.7	43.4	43.0	10.21	10.13	9.81
Nondurable Goods	614.54	625.43	605.44	43.4	44.2	43.0	14.16	14.15	14.08
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	313.40	312.91	293.64	41.4	41.5	39.1	7.57	7.54	7.51
Durable Goods	342.78	341.55	323.20	41.2	41.5	38.8	8.32	8.23	8.33
Nondurable Goods	287.04	286.21	264.77	41.6	41.6	39.4	6.90	6.88	6.72

+Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

Transportation and Public Utilities lost just over 1,000 jobs in February, as a sizeable decline in Water Transportation was partially offset by more moderate gains in Air Transportation and in Communications.

More jobs were added in **Manufacturing** between January and February 1990 than in any one-month period since June 1989, with 3,200 positions gained in February. All of the increase was concentrated in the **Durable Goods** sector. The most significant growth, however, was in Transportation Equipment, where the recall of over 2,000 workers following a large layoff in January pushed employment back up to former levels.

Most of the other increases in Durable Goods were moderate ones, but these small advances were fairly widespread. The only decline within this sector was the loss of 600 jobs in Electronic and other Electrical Equipment.

The **Nondurable Goods** group remained relatively stable in February, losing only 100 jobs overall. Gains and losses were interspersed, with all of the over-the-month changes minor ones.

Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products recorded the largest decrease, dropping 300 jobs. Paper and Allied Products declined by 100 in February, as did Rubber and Miscellaneus Plastics Products. Small gains were registered in Chemicals and Allied Products, Petroleum and Coal Products, and in Food and Kindred Products.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	FEB.'90	FEB.'89
Total Population	17,080,800*	16,926,700*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	1.9
UI Covered Employers	313,013	311,578
Total Claims Actions	1,093,371	591,918
Total Initial Claims Actions	68,012	61,223
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	1,025,359	530,695
Total Placements	25,944	24,406
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$151.68	$153.79
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$64,485,381	$62,085,835

*Revised.
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Average Weekly Earnings Decline

For the estimated 630,300 Texas Manufacturing Production workers, Average Hourly Earnings decreased by two cents from January to February 1990. Average Weekly Hours decreased by three tenths of an hour, causing Average Weekly Earnings to decrease by $3.94 over the month. Most of the decrease in the number of hours worked was in the Nondurable Goods sector.

In mid-February a worker, on average, was earning $10.37 per hour for a 41.4-hour week, and making $429.32 in weekly earnings. Compared to the February 1989 level, Average Hourly Earnings were up 22 cents, while Average Weekly Hours had risen by $11.14.

The largest losses which occurred in the Durable Goods sector were in Lumber and Wood Products, Stone, Clay and Glass Products, Electric and Electronic Equipment, Transportation Equipment and Instruments and Related Products. Greater losses took place in the Nondurable Goods sector in Textile Mill Products, Apparel and Other Textile Products and in Petroleum and Coal Products.

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TEXAS ECONOMY IMPROVES MODERATELY

Unemployment Rate Drops

The Statewide actual unemployment rate declined to its lowest level in over five years in March 1990. The current rate of 5.7 percent was substantially below the February rate and also lower than the March 1989 rate of 6.4 percent. The last time the actual rate was below 5.7 percent was in December 1984, when Texas had a rate of 5.6 percent. Total unemployment dropped by over 100,000 between February and March 1990 and was over 50,000 below the year-ago level. Total employment in Texas rose by just over 86,000 in March, totaling 7,874,000—up by 119,100 from the March 1989 estimate. Of the total employed, an estimated 215,500 were agricultural workers, according to the Current Population Survey estimates for March.

The seasonally adjusted rate for Texas also declined significantly over the month, from 6.4 percent in February to 5.6 percent in March. This rate was well under the 6.3 percent rate recorded for March 1989. The U. S. rates in both series decreased slightly over the month, but were somewhat higher than the year-ago rates. In the actual series, the rate dropped from 5.8 percent in February to 5.4 percent in March, compared to 5.2 percent a year earlier. The seasonally adjusted rate also slid downward, from 5.3 percent to 5.2 percent in March, slightly above the 5.0 percent in March 1989.

This month marked the second time thus far in 1990 that the Texas rate in the actual series has been either below or within a half percentage point of the U. S. rate in the actual series [see **Chart** on page 3].

Nonfarm Jobs Growth Slows

Employers in Texas generated over 15,000 additional jobs between February and March, bringing total **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** to 6,895,800 in mid-March. The current estimate was 126,100 above the year-ago level. Although the number of nonfarm salaried jobs exhibited some growth over the month, it was not as noteworthy as the gain shown for the same period in 1989, when 48,000 jobs were

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Mar.'90	Feb.'90	Mar.'89
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	123,790.0	123,442.0	122,222.0
Unemployment	6,697.0	7,134.0	6,378.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.4%**	**5.8%**	**5.2%**
Total Employment	117,093.0	116,308.0	115,844.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,829.0	124,629.0	123,245.0
Unemployment	6,495.0	6,594.0	6,198.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.2%**	**5.3%**	**5.0%**
Total Employment	118,334.0	118,035.0	117,047.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,346.5	8,375.4	8,285.8
Unemployment	472.5	587.5	530.9
Percent Unemployed	**5.7%**	**7.0%**	**6.4%**
Total Employment	7,874.0	7,787.9	7,754.9
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,447.0	8,494.0	8,385.0
Unemployment	470.0	545.0	528.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.6%**	**6.4%**	**6.3%**
Total Employment	7,977.0	7,949.0	7,857.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	MAR.'90*	FEB.'90**	MAR.'89**	MAR.'90*	FEB.'90**	MAR.'89**	MAR.'90*	FEB.'90**	MAR.'89**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,600	51,800	52,500	94,300	93,700	96,500	427,900	428,100	426,400
Total Unemployment	2,600	3,300	3,200	4,800	5,600	5,100	17,600	20,600	21,300
Percent Unemployed	**5.0%**	**6.4%**	**6.1%**	**5.1%**	**6.0%**	**5.3%**	**4.1%**	**4.8%**	**5.0%**
Total Employment ++	49,000	48,500	49,300	89,500	88,100	91,400	410,300	407,500	405,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	160,000	160,900	161,600	84,500	84,700	83,900	106,200	106,700	101,900
Total Unemployment	11,000	13,300	13,800	4,300	5,400	5,300	11,500	14,200	11,200
Percent Unemployed	**6.9%**	**8.3%**	**8.5%**	**5.1%**	**6.4%**	**6.3%**	**10.8%**	**13.3%**	**11.0%**
Total Employment ++	149,000	147,600	147,800	80,200	79,300	78,600	94,700	92,500	90,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	62,100	61,600	61,200	158,100	157,800	157,000	1,432.8	1,434.1	1,420.0
Total Unemployment	2,000	2,500	2,700	9,300	11,800	12,500	64.2	77.1	71.4
Percent Unemployed	**3.2%**	**4.1%**	**4.4%**	**5.9%**	**7.5%**	**8.0%**	**4.5%**	**5.4%**	**5.0%**
Total Employment ++	60,100	59,100	58,500	148,800	146,000	144,500	1,368.6	1,357.0	1,348.6
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	249,200	255,200	242,500	722,900	728,500	704,000	108,200	107,700	108,000
Total Unemployment	23,600	30,800	23,600	32,400	43,500	36,000	7,000	8,400	7,100
Percent Unemployed	**9.5%**	**12.1%**	**9.7%**	**4.5%**	**6.0%**	**5.1%**	**6.5%**	**7.8%**	**6.6%**
Total Employment ++	225,600	224,400	218,900	690,500	685,000	668,000	101,200	99,300	100,900
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,669.9	1,667.5	1,646.1	97,400	97,900	95,000	53,400	54,400	52,000
Total Unemployment	76.5	92.7	90.4	6,300	7,500	6,800	6,100	7,600	6,700
Percent Unemployed	**4.6%**	**5.6%**	**5.5%**	**6.5%**	**7.7%**	**7.2%**	**11.4%**	**14.0%**	**12.9%**
Total Employment ++	1,593.4	1,574.8	1,555.7	91,100	90,400	88,200	47,300	46,800	45,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,100	79,400	79,300	112,900	113,200	112,100	167,400	178,100	158,800
Total Unemployment	4,900	5,900	6,700	4,400	5,400	5,200	35,800	47,400	26,700
Percent Unemployed	**6.2%**	**7.4%**	**8.4%**	**3.9%**	**4.8%**	**4.6%**	**21.4%**	**26.6%**	**16.8%**
Total Employment ++	74,200	73,500	72,600	108,500	107,800	106,900	131,600	130,700	132,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,500	48,600	49,600	51,000	51,400	51,800	44,100	44,000	45,800
Total Unemployment	2,500	3,100	2,700	3,100	3,800	4,100	2,400	2,600	2,400
Percent Unemployed	**5.2%**	**6.4%**	**5.4%**	**6.1%**	**7.4%**	**7.9%**	**5.4%**	**5.9%**	**5.2%**
Total Employment ++	46,000	45,500	46,900	47,900	47,600	47,700	41,700	41,400	43,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	603,200	607,100	605,200	46,600	46,800	47,400	57,400	58,300	56,900
Total Unemployment	36,200	43,900	40,700	2,300	2,800	3,500	3,300	3,800	4,100
Percent Unemployed	**6.0%**	**7.2%**	**6.7%**	**4.9%**	**6.0%**	**7.4%**	**5.7%**	**6.5%**	**7.2%**
Total Employment ++	567,000	563,200	564,500	44,300	44,000	43,900	54,100	54,500	52,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,400	74,900	75,400	35,600	35,700	35,700	93,100	93,200	92,000
Total Unemployment	3,900	4,900	4,900	1,600	2,100	2,200	4,400	5,400	4,800
Percent Unemployed	**5.2%**	**6.5%**	**6.5%**	**4.5%**	**5.9%**	**6.2%**	**4.7%**	**5.8%**	**5.2%**
Total Employment ++	70,500	70,000	70,500	34,000	33,600	33,500	88,700	87,800	87,200
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,300	56,300	55,500				8,346.5	8,375.4	8,285.8
Total Unemployment	2,900	3,400	3,400				472.5	587.5	530.9
Percent Unemployed	**5.2%**	**6.0%**	**6.1%**				**5.7%**	**7.0%**	**6.4%**
Total Employment ++	53,400	52,900	52,100				7,874.0	7,787.9	7,754.9

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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created—a sign that the State's economic expansion may be slowing.

Only three major industry groups showed significant increases over the month. Services, Trade and Government each had sizeable gains in March.

The largest of the over-the-month advances occurred in **Services**, which added 11,500 jobs in March. Within this group, Health Services provided the largest number of additional positions, with an increase of 4,200. Over half of this gain was due to the expansion of some full-service medical centers; and the remainder of the growth occurred among doctors, dentists and other health practitioners.

Business and Repair Services was boosted by hiring in preparation for tax preparation. Horticultural and landscaping services expanded, particularly in areas where lawns and shrubs were severely damaged by winter weather. Seasonal hiring for amusement parks also began in March.

Following a seasonal downturn last month, employment in **Wholesale and Retail Trade** increased moderately in March, with an additional 4,500 jobs. Most of this increase, however, was centered in one sector—Eating and Drinking Places. This industry gained positions due in part to warmer weather, especially among firms handling concessions for sports and other special events.

The only other Trade sector which added jobs over the month was Building Materials and Garden Supplies, where spring outdoor activities brought more business. All other Retail industries lost jobs in March, while Wholesale Trade was only able to eke out an increase of 200.

Total **Government** expanded by 1,800 between February and March, due almost exclusively to hiring by Local Government agencies. Federal Government gained only 100 jobs over the month, and State Government actually declined by 100. The increases within Local Government occurred among transit authorities and county governments.

Two other Nonmanufacturing sectors recorded advances in March, although both were minimal. **Transportation and Public Utilities** increased by only 300 jobs, as both Transportation by Air and Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services posted moderate growth. The Communications sector registered a small loss over the month. Employers in **Mining** added only 100 jobs in March, all of them in Oil and Gas Extraction, leaving this industry group up by barely over 1,000 jobs from its year-ago level.

The downturns in Nonmanufacturing were modest, the largest of them a loss of 900 jobs in **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**. The declines within this group were

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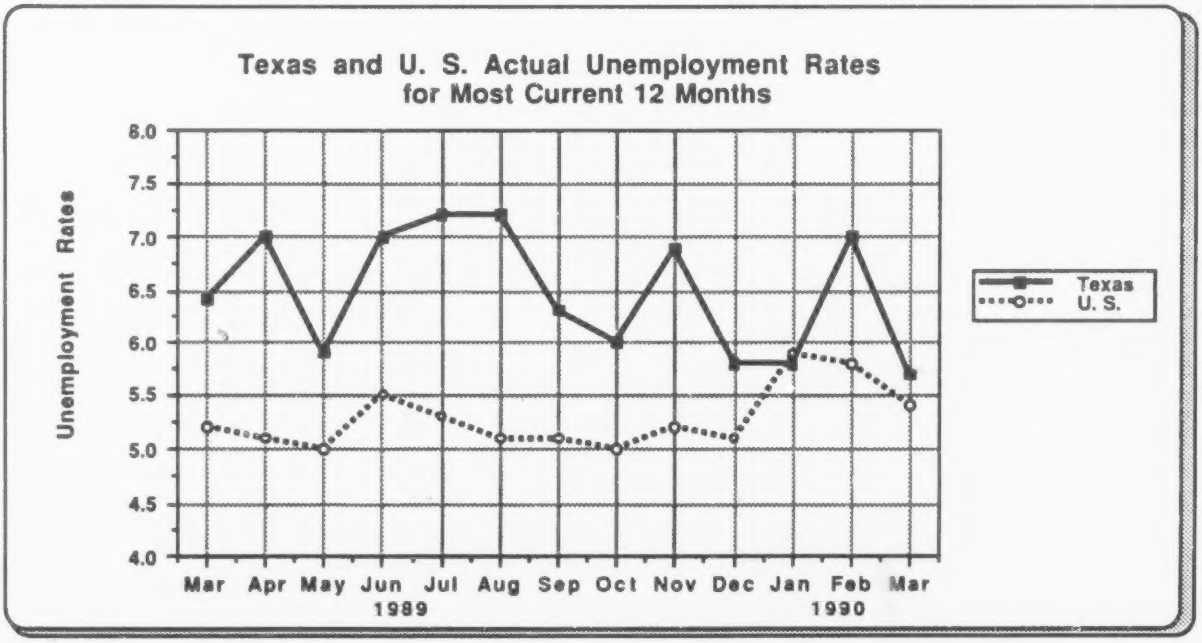

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Mar.'90*	Feb.'90**	Mar.'89**	Chg. from Feb.'90	Chg. from Mar.'89
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,895,800**	**6,880,400**	**6,769,700**	**15,400**	**126,100**
MANUFACTURING	**964,300**	**965,400**	**967,100**	**-1,100**	**-2,800**
Durable Goods	**553,600**	**553,300**	**557,600**	**300**	**-4,000**
Lumber & Wood Products	30,500	30,400	31,100	100	-600
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,700	6,800	7,100	-100	-400
Furniture & Fixtures	16,700	16,800	16,100	-100	600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	36,400	36,400	37,000	0	-600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	15,500	15,600	16,500	-100	-1,000
Primary Metal Industries	28,600	28,500	29,300	100	-700
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,700	77,700	77,200	0	500
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,400	37,400	36,900	0	500
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	106,400	105,900	108,200	500	-1,800
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	23,500	23,200	24,000	300	-500
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	104,700	105,200	106,100	-500	-1,400
Transportation Equipment	100,100	100,000	99,800	100	300
Aircraft & Parts	72,300	72,500	71,500	-200	800
Instruments & Related Prod.	37,000	37,100	37,200	-100	-200
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,500	15,300	15,600	200	-100
Nondurable Goods	**410,700**	**412,100**	**409,500**	**-1,400**	**1,200**
Food & Kindred Products	95,500	96,200	95,400	-700	100
Meat Products	29,200	29,200	28,800	0	400
Dairy Products	4,200	4,100	4,200	100	0
Bakery Products	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	0
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
Textile Mill Products	3,400	3,900	3,900	-500	-500
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	56,100	56,400	56,500	-300	-400
Paper & Allied Products	24,500	24,500	24,500	0	0
Printing & Publishing	72,700	72,500	73,300	200	-600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	34,600	34,600	35,200	0	-600
Chemicals & Allied Products	81,400	81,600	79,300	-200	2,100
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,800	28,700	28,200	100	600
Petroleum Refining	25,600	25,500	25,100	100	500
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	40,700	40,700	40,500	0	200
Leather & Leather Products	7,500	7,500	7,800	0	-300
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,931,500**	**5,915,000**	**5,802,600**	**16,500**	**128,900**
Mining	**175,300**	**175,200**	**174,200**	**100**	**1,100**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,800	9,800	9,700	0	100
Oil & Gas Extraction	165,500	165,400	164,500	100	1,000
Construction	**313,500**	**314,300**	**312,900**	**-800**	**600**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**408,800**	**408,500**	**396,700**	**300**	**12,100**
Railroad Transportation	19,000	19,000	20,200	0	-1,200
Other Transportation	226,900	226,800	216,500	100	10,400
Transportation by Air	70,800	70,500	66,400	300	4,400
Communications	85,800	85,900	83,600	-100	2,200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,100	76,800	76,400	300	700
Electric Services	40,500	40,400	41,000	100	-500
Gas Production & Distribution	27,600	27,500	27,200	100	400
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,684,000**	**1,679,500**	**1,665,200**	**4,500**	**18,800**
Wholesale Trade	426,300	426,100	423,900	200	2,400
Retail Trade	1,257,700	1,253,400	1,241,300	4,300	16,400
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	42,500	41,500	41,500	1,000	1,000
General Merchandise Stores	170,400	170,600	170,900	-200	-500
Food Stores	222,200	222,400	223,800	-200	-1,600
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	135,300	135,500	136,900	-200	-1,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,800	84,100	83,600	-300	200
Eating & Drinking Places	421,900	417,100	404,000	4,800	17,900
Other Retail Trade	181,600	182,200	180,600	-600	1,000
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**432,200**	**433,100**	**432,100**	**-900**	**100**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	133,200	133,600	134,700	-400	-1,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	141,000	141,300	138,400	-300	2,600
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	158,000	158,200	159,000	-200	-1,000
Services	**1,651,300**	**1,639,800**	**1,590,900**	**11,500**	**60,400**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,800	84,400	83,800	400	1,000
Personal Services	81,400	80,600	79,000	800	2,400
Business & Repair Services	413,800	411,100	400,000	2,700	13,800
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	74,500	73,700	72,000	800	2,500
Health Services	458,900	454,700	439,600	4,200	19,300
Educational Services	83,800	84,000	84,800	-200	-1,000
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	148,200	148,200	138,700	0	9,500
Other Services & Miscellaneous	305,900	303,100	293,000	2,800	12,900
Total Government	**1,266,400**	**1,264,600**	**1,230,600**	**1,800**	**35,800**
Federal Government	205,900	205,800	202,500	100	3,400
State Government	259,300	259,400	249,100	-100	10,200
Local Government	801,200	799,400	779,000	1,800	22,200

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	MAR.'90*	FEB.'90**	MAR.'89**	MAR.'90*	FEB.'90**	MAR.'89**	MAR.'90*	FEB.'90**	MAR.'89**	MAR.'90*	FEB.'90**	MAR.'89**
Industry		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR	
TOTAL	**48,900**	**48,700**	**48,300**	**75,400**	**75,300**	**76,400**	**367,800**	**367,800**	**361,000**	**137,300**	**136,400**	**134,600**
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,800	9,000	9,000	8,800	45,200	45,400	42,700	24,800	24,600	24,800
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,100	1,100	1,400	600	600	600	1,600	1,600	1,500
Construction	1,400	1,400	1,500	3,100	3,200	3,400	10,700	10,700	11,600	10,300	10,100	10,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	5,500	5,600	5,500	11,200	11,300	11,000	9,500	9,400	9,400
Trade	13,200	13,100	13,100	21,100	21,000	22,100	77,200	77,500	77,300	32,200	32,100	31,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,200	2,200	2,300	3,900	4,000	4,200	23,700	23,800	23,400	5,300	5,300	5,100
Services & Misc.	14,200	14,100	13,600	17,300	17,000	16,800	91,900	91,300	88,500	32,400	32,100	31,100
Government	8,900	8,900	9,000	14,400	14,400	14,200	107,300	107,200	105,900	21,200	21,200	21,000
		BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI	
TOTAL	**63,700**	**63,300**	**61,600**	**76,200**	**75,400**	**72,800**	**54,000**	**53,500**	**51,900**	**129,500**	**129,200**	**126,800**
Manufacturing	16,200	16,100	15,800	11,000	11,000	10,400	3,700	3,700	3,400	11,700	11,600	11,700
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100	—	—	—	500	500	500	3,500	3,500	3,700
Construction	8,600	8,500	8,200	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,600	1,400	1,700	10,600	10,500	8,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,500	2,500	3,100	3,100	3,000	1,400	1,400	1,300	6,700	6,700	6,800
Trade	11,600	11,600	11,200	20,600	20,400	19,600	11,500	11,500	11,500	31,900	31,800	31,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,800	3,800	3,700	1,800	1,800	1,700	6,400	6,300	6,400
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,000	8,600	18,100	17,300	16,900	9,100	9,000	9,000	30,300	30,400	29,900
Government	11,800	11,800	11,400	17,500	17,700	17,200	24,400	24,200	22,800	28,400	28,400	28,400
		DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
TOTAL	**1,355.0**	**1,353.4**	**1,337.3**	**206,600**	**207,000**	**198,900**	**572,100**	**571,600**	**554,200**	**74,500**	**73,700**	**74,100**
Manufacturing	221.0	222.1	223.2	40,000	40,300	40,300	121,000	120,500	118,600	8,900	8,900	8,700
Mining	17.2	17.1	17.7	—	—	-	4,000	4,000	3,700	500	600	500
Construction	43.5	43.9	46.7	8,300	8,300	7,800	20,700	21,200	20,300	6,700	6,300	6,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	79.7	79.6	76.2	10,400	10,300	10,700	54,200	54,200	51,000	4,900	4,700	5,000
Trade	353.3	361.7	342.5	51,900	52,000	49,300	144,000	143,800	141,500	13,800	13,600	13,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	129.9	130.5	129.0	8,300	8,500	8,600	27,600	27,600	27,700	4,400	4,400	4,600
Services & Misc.	348.5	347.2	344.4	42,400	42,000	40,000	126,200	125,800	120,800	13,500	13,400	13,500
Government	161.8	161.3	157.6	45,300	45,600	42,200	74,400	74,500	70,600	21,800	21,800	22,000
		HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL	
TOTAL	**1,533.3**	**1,526.1**	**1,463.0**	**73,800**	**73,600**	**71,700**	**43,600**	**43,500**	**41,500**	**68,700**	**68,600**	**66,500**
Manufacturing	163.2	163.0	161.1	8,700	8,600	8,500	1,800	1,800	1,700	16,300	16,500	15,900
Mining	67.6	67.5	65.6	—	—	—	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,400	3,400	3,300
Construction	98.2	98.3	92.1	3,000	3,100	3,400	1,200	1,200	1,200	3,500	3,500	3,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	106.3	106.5	103.9	2,600	2,700	2,600	6,200	6,100	5,500	3,400	3,500	3,300
Trade	366.7	364.0	361.5	16,400	16,200	16,300	13,900	13,900	13,300	17,000	16,800	16,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	101.7	101.3	100.7	3,200	3,200	2,900	1,900	1,900	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,800
Services & Misc.	425.8	421.8	402.6	17,300	17,300	16,600	7,300	7,300	6,800	13,700	13,500	12,600
Government	208.8	203.7	195.5	22,600	22,500	21,400	9,700	9,700	9,700	8,700	8,700	8,800
		LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA	
TOTAL	**95,700**	**95,700**	**93,700**	**98,600**	**98,000**	**99,200**	**44,600**	**44,800**	**44,700**	**42,500**	**42,600**	**42,400**
Manufacturing	7,300	7,400	7,100	12,200	12,500	13,300	2,300	2,600	2,300	4,100	4,100	4,000
Mining	300	300	300	900	900	900	8,500	8,500	9,000	5,100	5,100	5,000
Construction	2,900	2,800	3,100	4,400	4,200	4,200	1,300	1,400	1,300	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,700	5,700	4,900	3,000	3,000	3,000	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,800	1,900	1,900
Trade	27,000	27,300	27,000	30,800	30,700	31,800	10,900	10,900	10,600	12,500	12,400	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,200	4,300	4,300	4,000	2,400	2,400	2,400	1,500	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	23,800	23,600	23,700	16,700	16,300	16,200	9,600	9,400	9,800	7,500	7,500	7,600
Government	23,300	23,200	22,400	26,300	26,100	25,800	7,300	7,300	7,000	8,000	8,000	7,800
		SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA	
TOTAL	**36,200**	**35,900**	**37,200**	**513,800**	**512,700**	**512,300**	**36,700**	**37,100**	**36,800**	**47,100**	**46,800**	**45,600**
Manufacturing	5,100	5,000	5,500	47,500	47,700	48,200	10,800	10,900	10,800	7,100	7,100	7,200
Mining	600	600	500	2,200	2,200	2,100	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,300	20,200	20,800	21,900	1,700	1,800	1,600	1,400	1,400	1,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	3,000	19,600	19,500	19,500	1,400	1,400	1,700	2,400	2,400	2,200
Trade	8,800	8,800	9,100	128,700	128,000	129,200	7,900	8,000	7,800	10,700	10,500	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,700	41,300	41,200	40,500	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,700	8,900	133,000	131,600	130,700	8,700	8,700	8,500	10,700	10,700	9,800
Government	7,600	7,500	7,200	121,300	121,700	120,200	4,300	4,400	4,500	12,900	12,800	12,500
		TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS	
TOTAL	**62,100**	**62,100**	**61,200**	**27,900**	**27,800**	**27,400**	**82,000**	**82,200**	**80,100**	**50,800**	**50,800**	**49,500**
Manufacturing	10,900	10,900	11,000	3,100	3,000	3,300	16,200	16,100	15,100	8,300	8,500	8,100
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,300	1,300	1,300	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,500
Construction	[illegible]	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,400	2,800	2,900	3,000	1,600	1,500	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	[illegible]	2,800	2,500	1,200	1,200	1,300	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,600	2,600	2,500
Trade	[illegible]	16,300	16,100	7,600	7,500	7,500	18,300	18,400	18,300	11,900	11,800	11,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,300	1,500	1,500	1,500	5,100	5,200	5,000	2,400	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	15,200	15,200	14,700	5,800	5,800	6,000	22,900	22,900	22,000	12,700	12,700	12,500
Government	10,100	10,100	10,300	5,700	5,800	5,100	13,200	13,200	13,300	9,900	9,900	9,700

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* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAR.'90*	FEB.'90	MAR.'89	MAR.'90*	FEB.'90	MAR.'89	MAR.'90*	FEB.'90	MAR.'89
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 431.39	$ 428.90	$ 427.20	41.4	41.4	41.8	$ 10.42	$10.36	$10.22
Durable Goods	428.48	430.34	426.72	41.6	41.7	42.0	10.30	10.32	10.16
Lumber & Wood Products	298.80	299.21	300.46	41.5	41.1	42.2	7.20	7.28	7.12
Furniture & Fixtures	285.20	287.03	270.27	40.0	40.2	40.1	7.13	7.14	6.74
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	400.48	404.34	400.48	41.5	41.9	42.2	9.65	9.65	9.49
Primary Metal Industries	474.14	478.13	442.90	42.6	42.5	41.2	11.13	11.25	10.75
Fabricated Metal Products	394.15	395.17	385.71	42.2	42.4	43.0	9.34	9.32	8.97
Machinery, exc. Electric	420.51	423.85	423.30	41.8	41.8	42.5	10.06	10.14	9.96
Oil Field Machinery	506.27	514.65	504.23	44.1	44.1	44.9	11.48	11.67	11.23
Electric & Electronic Equip.	491.36	497.28	491.71	41.5	42.0	41.6	11.84	11.84	11.82
Transportation Equipment	549.88	548.42	576.79	41.5	41.8	43.4	13.25	13.12	13.29
Instruments & Related Prod.	409.34	405.00	370.16	41.6	41.2	38.2	9.84	9.83	9.69
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	288.80	285.01	279.96	38.1	37.8	39.1	7.58	7.54	7.16
Nondurable Goods	435.72	428.26	426.01	41.3	41.1	41.4	10.55	10.42	10.29
Food & Kindred Products	351.85	347.65	344.79	41.2	40.9	40.9	8.54	8.50	8.43
Meat Products	271.58	265.06	250.10	41.4	40.1	39.2	6.56	6.61	6.38
Malt Beverages	893.02	810.09	952.43	47.3	43.6	50.5	18.88	18.58	18.86
Textile Mill Products	324.19	328.10	328.10	42.6	42.5	44.1	7.61	7.72	7.44
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	210.48	209.12	205.67	38.2	38.3	38.3	5.51	5.46	5.37
Paper & Allied Products	495.79	489.06	489.19	43.0	42.9	43.1	11.53	11.40	11.35
Printing & Publishing	411.68	412.50	412.23	40.4	40.6	40.1	10.19	10.16	10.28
Chemicals & Allied Products	699.61	681.25	701.45	43.4	42.9	44.2	16.12	15.88	15.87
Petroleum & Coal Products	759.68	739.35	702.84	45.3	45.0	43.9	16.77	16.43	16.01
Petroleum Refining	796.09	769.86	733.13	45.7	45.1	43.9	17.42	17.07	16.70
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	373.01	365.52	365.05	40.5	40.3	42.3	9.21	9.07	8.63
Leather & Leather Products	249.01	248.82	228.90	39.4	39.0	38.6	6.32	6.38	5.93
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	555.03	566.53	510.32	41.7	42.5	39.9	13.31	13.33	12.79
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	547.98	543.37	529.55	45.4	45.7	44.5	12.07	11.89	11.90
Oil & Gas Extraction	555.17	567.17	509.26	41.4	42.2	39.6	13.41	13.44	12.86
Communications	515.60	507.76	496.18	40.0	39.7	39.1	12.89	12.79	12.69
Elec., Gas & San. Services	532.97	519.17	490.44	41.9	41.5	40.2	12.72	12.51	12.20
Wholesale & Retail Trade	237.33	237.49	235.22	32.6	32.4	32.4	7.28	7.33	7.26
Wholesale Trade	410.67	416.58	405.86	39.0	39.3	39.1	10.53	10.60	10.38
Retail Trade	183.91	182.11	182.10	30.6	30.2	30.3	6.01	6.03	6.01
General Merchandise Stores	181.04	177.94	174.32	29.2	28.7	29.2	6.20	6.20	5.97
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	281.57	284.56	278.25	37.0	37.1	37.1	7.61	7.67	7.50

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 441.84	$ 446.90	$ 441.15	42.0	42.4	42.5	$ 10.52	$ 10.54	$ 10.38
Durable Goods	469.84	479.52	479.88	42.1	42.7	43.0	11.16	11.23	11.16
Nondurable Goods	394.17	391.77	374.40	41.8	41.9	41.6	9.43	9.35	9.00
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	461.73	459.91	448.13	41.3	41.1	41.0	11.18	11.19	10.93
Durable Goods	489.81	483.21	470.68	41.9	41.3	41.0	11.69	11.70	11.48
Nondurable Goods	401.00	405.41	397.29	40.1	40.5	41.0	10.00	10.01	9.69
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	524.61	523.53	523.60	43.5	43.7	44.6	12.06	11.98	11.74
Durable Goods	444.26	448.07	441.37	43.3	43.8	44.9	10.26	10.23	9.83
Nondurable Goods	624.47	619.56	628.62	43.7	43.6	44.3	14.29	14.21	14.19
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	313.24	311.67	302.91	41.0	41.5	39.7	7.64	7.51	7.63
Durable Goods	352.31	334.94	336.60	41.4	40.5	39.6	8.51	8.27	8.50
Nondurable Goods	278.11	289.75	268.77	40.6	42.3	39.7	6.85	6.85	6.77

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

scattered throughout the group, with small drops in Banking, among Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers, and in Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate. The decrease for this group totaled 900 in March. Another 800 jobs were deleted in **Construction** over the month, leaving that industry group up by only 600 from its March 1989 level.

Following a sizeable upturn in February, the number of jobs in **Manufacturing** declined once more in March, dropping by 1,100. Total Manufacturing is now close to 3,000 below its year-ago level, due primarily to losses in the Durable Goods sector.

Although **Durable Goods** has declined by 4,000 jobs over the year, it did manage a minimal increase of 300 positions between February and March. That gain was the result of small, interspersed upturns and declines among industries in this sector. The largest growth occurred in Industrial Machinery and Equipment, where Oil and Gas Field Machinery helped push employment up by 500. Lumber and Wood Products, as well as Transportation Equipment, recorded smaller gains.

Partially offsetting these increases in Durable Goods was a loss of 500 jobs in Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment. Smaller decreases were registered in Furniture and Fixtures and in Instruments and Related Products.

Nondurable Goods was primarily responsible for the over-the-month decline in Manufacturing, losing 1,400 jobs in March. The largest of the losses were in Food and Kindred Products, which dropped by 700, and in Textile Mill Products, where 500 jobs were cut. Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products and Chemicals and Allied Products also recorded declines. The largest increase in this sector was the gain of 200 jobs in Printing and Publishing.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	MAR.'90	MAR.'89
Total Population	17,093,600*	16,939,500*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	1.9
UI Covered Employers	313,456	311,159
Total Claims Actions	644,674	651,545
Total Initial Claims Actions	68,321	61,868
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	576,353	589,677
Total Placements	32,506	31,792
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$151.96	$154.34
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$75,952,399	$70,127,671

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

Average Hourly Earnings Rise

While Average Weekly Hours worked by the estimated 628,900 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers remained unchanged between February and March, Average Hourly Earnings rose by six cents over the month. In mid-March, an average production worker was earning $10.42 an hour for a 41.4-hour week, and averaging $431.39 per week.

Compared to a year ago, Average Weekly Hours worked were down 0.4 hour, and Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 20 cents, pushing Average Weekly Earnings up by $4.19.

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TEXAS NONFARM SALARIED JOBS EXPAND SEASONALLY

Statewide Rate Rises Slightly

The actual Texas unemployment rate increased moderately over the month, rising from 5.7 percent in March to 6.0 percent in April. Despite the increase, the current rate was the lowest recorded for an April since 1982, when the actual April rate was 5.9 percent. There were 499,200 jobless Texans in mid-April, up by 26,700 from the March estimate. The current unemployment rate was a full percentage point below the year-ago rate of 7.0 percent. Total employment rose slightly between March and April, to a level of 7,887,000—over 100,000 above the April 1989 estimate. There were an estimated 229,900 agricultural workers in the State in April, according to the Current Population Survey.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the State continued to vacillate, rising from 5.6 percent in March to 6.4 percent in April (the same rate recorded for February). The current rate continued to be close to a percentage point below the year-ago rate of 7.3 percent. The Nation's seasonally adjusted rate rose modestly, from 5.2 percent in March to 5.4 percent in April. The year-ago rate in this series was 5.3 percent. The actual U. S. rate inched downward from 5.4 percent to 5.2 percent in April, compared to 5.1 percent a year ago.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment Increases

Acceleration among various springtime activities helped boost the number of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs by 26,000 between March and April, pushing the total up to 6,918,500. The two sectors which generated the largest number of jobs were Wholesale and Retail Trade and Government. More moderate gains were recorded in all other nonmanufacturing sectors, except Mining.

Employers in **Wholesale and Retail Trade** created over 8,000 jobs in April. The growth was concentrated in Eating and Drinking Places, which gained 6,500 positions. This sector normally shows increases beginning in March or April and extending through the summer months.

Within **Government**, the largest gains were in Federal Government, as tax deadlines and census-taking activities pushed employment upward in April.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Apr.'90	Mar.'90	Apr.'89
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	123,816.0	123,790.0	122,576.0
Unemployment	6,457.0	6,697.0	6,229.0
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	5.4%	5.1%
Total Employment	117,359.0	117,093.0	116,347.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,886.0	124,829.0	123,615.0
Unemployment	6,770.0	6,495.0	6,531.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.2%	5.3%
Total Employment	118,116.0	118,334.0	117,084.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,386.2	8,346.5	8,359.9
Unemployment	499.2	472.5	581.2
Percent Unemployed	6.0%	5.7%	7.0%
Total Employment	7,887.0	7,874.0	7,778.7
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,495.0	8,447.0	8,467.0
Unemployment	540.0	470.0	622.0
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	5.6%	7.3%
Total Employment	7,955.0	7,977.0	7,845.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	APR.'90*	MAR.'90**	APR.'89**	APR.'90*	MAR.'90**	APR.'89**	APR.'90*	MAR.'90**	APR.'89**
	ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,500	51,500	52,800	96,100	94,700	97,100	430,100	428,900	431,300
Total Unemployment	2,800	2,600	3,700	4,700	4,800	5,700	18,900	17,500	24,000
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.0%	7.0%	4.9%	5.1%	5.9%	4.4%	4.1%	5.6%
Total Employment ++	48,700	48,900	49,100	91,400	89,900	91,400	411,200	411,400	407,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			**BRAZORIA**			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,100	159,900	162,700	85,600	84,500	85,200	106,400	106,600	103,100
Total Unemployment	11,900	11,000	15,700	4,400	4,300	6,000	11,400	11,700	12,000
Percent Unemployed	7.3%	6.9%	9.6%	5.1%	5.1%	7.0%	10.7%	11.0%	11.6%
Total Employment ++	150,200	148,900	147,000	81,200	80,200	79,200	95,000	94,900	91,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			**CORPUS CHRISTI**			**DALLAS*** **		
Total Civilian Labor Force	62,500	62,100	61,900	159,600	157,600	159,300	1,434.4	1,428.4	1,432.2
Total Unemployment	2,100	2,000	2,800	10,000	9,300	14,200	69.8	63.9	80.5
Percent Unemployed	3.4%	3.2%	4.5%	6.3%	5.9%	8.9%	4.9%	4.5%	5.6%
Total Employment ++	60,400	60,100	59,100	149,600	148,300	145,100	1,364.6	1,364.5	1,351.7
	EL PASO			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	250,800	250,100	245,600	723,900	721,800	714,900	109,500	108,200	110,800
Total Unemployment	25,500	23,700	25,000	34,700	32,300	40,200	7,700	6,900	8,000
Percent Unemployed	10.2%	9.5%	10.2%	4.8%	4.5%	5.6%	7.0%	6.4%	7.2%
Total Employment ++	225,300	226,400	220,600	689,200	689,500	674,700	101,800	101,300	102,800
	HOUSTON* **			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,673.7	1,668.1	1,653.6	98,200	97,600	96,100	53,400	53,600	51,600
Total Unemployment	82.1	76.2	101.1	6,500	6,200	7,700	5,900	6,200	6,800
Percent Unemployed	4.9%	4.6%	6.1%	6.6%	6.4%	8.0%	11.0%	11.6%	13.2%
Total Employment ++	1,591.6	1,591.9	1,552.5	91,700	91,400	88,400	47,500	47,400	44,800
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			**LUBBOCK**			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,500	79,500	79,800	113,600	113,200	112,800	165,500	168,300	158,600
Total Unemployment	5,200	4,900	7,400	4,800	4,300	5,600	32,200	36,600	26,700
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.2%	9.3%	4.2%	3.8%	5.0%	19.5%	21.7%	16.8%
Total Employment ++	74,300	74,600	72,400	108,800	108,900	107,200	133,300	131,700	131,900
	MIDLAND			**ODESSA**			**SAN ANGELO**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,600	48,500	49,400	50,600	50,700	52,100	44,200	44,100	45,800
Total Unemployment	2,500	2,500	3,000	3,200	3,000	4,400	2,600	2,400	2,600
Percent Unemployed	5.1%	5.2%	6.1%	6.3%	5.9%	8.4%	5.9%	5.4%	5.7%
Total Employment ++	46,100	46,000	46,400	47,400	47,700	47,700	41,600	41,700	43,200
	SAN ANTONIO			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	611,400	603,400	613,000	46,800	46,700	47,200	57,600	57,400	57,600
Total Unemployment	42,900	36,000	45,000	2,400	2,300	3,100	3,400	3,300	4,600
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	6.0%	7.3%	5.1%	4.9%	6.6%	5.9%	5.7%	8.0%
Total Employment ++	568,500	567,400	568,000	44,400	44,400	44,100	54,200	54,100	53,000
	TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,400	74,200	75,600	35,600	35,700	35,600	93,700	93,100	92,800
Total Unemployment	4,200	3,900	5,300	1,600	1,600	2,300	4,800	4,400	5,300
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	5.3%	7.0%	4.5%	4.5%	6.5%	5.1%	4.7%	5.7%
Total Employment ++	70,200	70,300	70,300	34,000	34,100	33,300	88,900	88,700	87,500
	WICHITA FALLS						**STATE OF TEXAS*** **		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,900	55,900	56,100				8,386.2	8,346.5	8,359.9
Total Unemployment	3,000	2,800	3,300				499.2	472.5	581.2
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.0%	5.9%				6.0%	5.7%	7.0%
Total Employment ++	52,900	53,100	52,800				7,887.0	7,874.0	7,778.7

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

QC ANNUAL REPORT
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State of Texas

Unemployment Insurance Quality Control
Annual Report for Calendar Year 1989

Total Dollars Paid in Population	$691,676,884
Sample Size	1,462

	Percentage of Dollars	95% Confidence Interval (+/-)
Proper Payments	92.2%	1.3%
Overpayments	7.8%	1.3%
	100.0%	
Underpayments	0.7%	0.2%

UI Quality Control Program

The Texas Employment Commission (TEC), in conjunction with the U. S Department of Labor, has initiated a system for analyzing its Unemployment Insurance Quality Control (QC) Program.

The Unemployment Insurance Department of the Commission relies on information provided by employers and claimants as a basis for paying or denying benefits to unemployed persons. Obviously, the quality of decisions on these payments is directly related to the quality of information provided on such matters as job separations, refusal of work, work search efforts, etc.

Under the QC System, a random sampling of claims is computer-generated weekly and each aspect of a claim selected is scrutinized thoroughly. The audit includes: (1) verification of a claimant's reason for being unemployed; (2) verification of employer's quarterly wages earned by the claimant; (3) weekly work search contacts made by the claimant; and (4) earnings reported by the claimant for the week of the claim.

QC investigators audited a random sample of 1,462 of the 4,507,068 total benefit payments made during Calendar Year 1989. Results of the review showed that during this period, 92.2% of the total benefits were correctly paid. Improper payments or overpayments accounted for 7.8% of total benefits paid. This improper payment figure is broken out by "error responsibility" as follows:

Claimant only error	5.6%
Employer only error	0.8%
Agency only (TEC) error	0.7%
Claimant and agency error	0.3%
Claimant and employer error	0.2%
Employer and agency error	0.1%
Claimant, employer & agency error	0.1%
	7.8%

Claimant errors included failure to correctly report earnings during a week in which benefits were received.

Employer errors were caused by their failure to report the correct amount of quarterly wages for former employees who later became active claimants and received unemployment benefits.

Agency errors were due to data entry or procedural errors made by employees of TEC.

In addition to the Quality Control Unit, TEC also maintains a Benefit Payment Control (BPC) Unit to investigate and reclaim benefits paid to claimants under both fraudulent and unintentional error situations. The BPC Unit recovered $11,366,842 from claimants in 1989. This money was returned to the U. I. Trust Fund.

In July 1990, the U. S. Department of Labor will publish a digest of QC data for all states. The format used for the release of the Texas QC data is shown above.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Apr.'90*	Mar.'90**	Apr.'89**	Chg. from Mar.'90	Chg. from Apr.'89
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,918,500**	**6,892,500**	**6,791,000**	**26,000**	**127,500**
MANUFACTURING	**963,400**	**964,000**	**966,800**	**-600**	**-3,400**
Durable Goods	**552,500**	**553,100**	**557,700**	**-600**	**-5,200**
Lumber & Wood Products	30,400	30,600	31,100	-200	-700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,700	6,700	7,100	0	-400
Furniture & Fixtures	16,700	16,800	16,000	-100	700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	36,000	36,400	37,200	-400	-1,200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	15,300	15,500	16,600	-200	-1,300
Primary Metal Industries	28,700	28,400	29,400	300	-700
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,500	77,400	77,100	100	400
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,100	37,100	36,700	0	400
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	106,700	106,400	108,000	300	-1,300
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	23,700	23,500	23,900	200	-200
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	104,400	104,700	106,100	-300	-1,700
Transportation Equipment	99,500	99,600	99,700	-100	-200
Aircraft & Parts	71,800	71,800	71,400	0	400
Instruments & Related Prod.	37,100	37,200	37,600	-100	-500
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,500	15,600	15,500	-100	0
Nondurable Goods	**410,900**	**410,900**	**409,100**	**0**	**1,800**
Food & Kindred Products	95,700	95,900	94,700	-200	1,000
Meat Products	29,000	29,200	28,700	-200	300
Dairy Products	4,100	4,200	4,200	-100	-100
Bakery Products	10,000	10,000	9,900	0	100
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,100	3,000	200	300
Textile Mill Products	3,800	3,500	3,900	300	-100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	55,500	56,100	56,600	-600	-1,100
Paper & Allied Products	24,400	24,500	24,400	-100	0
Printing & Publishing	72,800	72,600	73,400	200	-600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	34,700	34,600	35,000	100	-300
Chemicals & Allied Products	82,200	81,600	79,500	600	2,700
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,800	28,800	28,300	0	500
Petroleum Refining	25,600	25,600	25,200	0	400
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	40,400	40,600	40,500	-200	-100
Leather & Leather Products	7,200	7,200	7,700	0	-500
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,955,100**	**5,928,500**	**5,824,200**	**26,600**	**130,900**
Mining	**175,200**	**175,200**	**173,900**	**0**	**1,300**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,800	9,900	9,700	-100	100
Oil & Gas Extraction	165,400	165,300	164,200	100	1,200
Construction	**316,500**	**313,800**	**314,200**	**2,700**	**2,300**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**413,300**	**408,600**	**397,400**	**4,700**	**15,900**
Railroad Transportation	19,000	19,000	20,300	0	-1,300
Other Transportation	231,300	226,700	217,000	4,600	14,300
Transportation by Air	71,300	70,800	66,800	500	4,500
Communications	86,000	85,900	83,500	100	2,500
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,000	77,000	76,600	0	400
Electric Services	40,600	40,400	41,000	200	-400
Gas Production & Distribution	27,400	27,600	27,300	-200	100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,689,700**	**1,681,400**	**1,674,600**	**8,300**	**15,100**
Wholesale Trade	425,200	426,500	424,600	-1,300	600
Retail Trade	1,264,500	1,254,900	1,250,000	9,600	14,500
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,300	43,000	41,900	300	1,400
General Merchandise Stores	171,500	170,200	172,500	1,300	-1,000
Food Stores	223,100	221,600	223,300	1,500	-200
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	135,200	135,400	137,800	-200	-2,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	84,100	83,900	83,100	200	1,000
Eating & Drinking Places	425,800	419,300	412,300	6,500	13,500
Other Retail Trade	181,500	181,500	179,100	0	2,400
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**432,200**	**432,200**	**431,600**	**0**	**600**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	133,100	133,200	134,100	-100	-1,000
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	141,400	140,800	138,500	600	2,900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	157,700	158,200	159,000	-500	-1,300
Services	**1,653,900**	**1,649,700**	**1,602,300**	**4,200**	**51,600**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	84,200	84,600	85,900	-400	-1,700
Personal Services	82,000	81,300	79,000	700	3,000
Business & Repair Services	412,900	411,800	402,200	1,100	10,700
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	75,900	74,700	73,900	1,200	2,000
Health Services	459,000	458,600	441,200	400	17,800
Educational Services	83,900	84,000	84,200	-100	-300
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	148,500	148,200	139,000	300	9,500
Other Services & Miscellaneous	307,500	306,500	296,900	1,000	10,600
Total Government	**1,274,300**	**1,267,600**	**1,230,200**	**6,700**	**44,100**
Federal Government	209,100	205,200	201,600	3,900	7,500
State Government	260,000	260,000	249,100	0	10,900
Local Government	805,200	802,400	779,500	2,800	25,700

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Apr.'90*	Mar.'90**	Apr.'89**	Apr.'90*	Mar.'90**	Apr.'89**	Apr.'90*	Mar.'90**	Apr.'89**	Apr.'90*	Mar.'90**	Apr.'89**
Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	**48,600**	**48,800**	**48,900**	**77,300**	**75,600**	**76,900**	**368,700**	**368,300**	**363,200**	**138,100**	**137,300**	**134,600**
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,800	9,000	9,100	9,100	45,200	45,200	43,300	24,800	24,900	24,400
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,100	1,100	1,300	600	600	600	1,600	1,600	1,400
Construction	1,400	1,400	1,600	3,300	3,100	3,400	10,900	10,700	11,300	10,200	10,200	9,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	5,600	5,500	5,500	11,200	11,300	11,000	9,900	9,500	9,600
Trade	13,000	13,100	13,100	21,700	21,100	22,300	77,500	77,300	77,600	32,400	32,200	32,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,200	2,200	2,300	3,900	3,900	4,200	23,700	23,700	23,500	5,300	5,300	5,300
Services & Misc.	14,100	14,200	13,900	17,300	17,300	16,800	91,600	91,800	89,600	32,600	32,300	31,200
Government	8,900	8,900	9,100	15,400	14,500	14,300	107,600	107,700	106,300	21,300	21,300	21,000
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	**64,200**	**63,600**	**62,400**	**76,200**	**76,400**	**73,400**	**54,400**	**54,200**	**52,800**	**130,000**	**129,400**	**126,600**
Manufacturing	16,300	16,100	15,900	10,800	11,000	10,500	3,700	3,700	3,500	11,700	11,700	11,700
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100	—	—	—	500	500	500	3,500	3,400	3,500
Construction	9,200	8,700	8,600	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,500	1,600	1,800	10,800	10,500	8,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,500	3,300	3,200	3,100	1,400	1,400	1,300	6,700	6,700	6,700
Trade	11,600	11,600	11,300	20,500	20,500	19,800	12,000	11,500	11,800	32,200	31,700	31,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,800	3,900	3,700	1,700	1,800	1,700	6,300	6,400	6,400
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,000	8,700	18,100	18,100	17,100	9,100	9,300	9,200	30,400	30,500	30,000
Government	11,700	11,800	11,500	17,600	17,600	17,200	24,500	24,400	23,000	28,400	28,500	28,400
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	**1,358.0**	**1,354.4**	**1,341.9**	**208,500**	**207,100**	**200,900**	**574,600**	**572,600**	**560,400**	**75,300**	**74,500**	**75,500**
Manufacturing	220.9	220.9	223.8	39,700	40,100	40,400	121,500	121,000	119,400	9,000	9,000	8,700
Mining	17.2	17.3	17.7	—	—	—	3,900	4,000	4,000	600	500	500
Construction	44.5	43.6	46.7	8,400	8,300	7,900	20,900	20,700	21,100	6,700	6,500	7,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	80.2	79.9	78.8	10,500	10,400	10,500	55,000	54,700	50,600	4,900	4,900	4,600
Trade	353.9	353.3	342.9	51,800	51,900	49,900	144,500	144,000	143,500	14,100	13,800	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	129.7	129.3	129.1	8,300	8,300	8,600	27,800	27,500	27,800	4,400	4,400	4,600
Services & Misc.	349.1	347.9	347.3	42,800	42,600	41,400	126,600	126,200	122,800	13,900	13,700	13,700
Government	162.5	162.2	157.6	45,000	45,300	42,200	74,400	74,500	71,200	21,700	21,700	22,100
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	**1,536.9**	**1,532.4**	**1,488.5**	**74,600**	**74,100**	**72,300**	**43,700**	**43,600**	**41,300**	**68,900**	**69,000**	**66,700**
Manufacturing	162.8	162.9	160.7	8,800	8,700	8,500	1,800	1,800	1,700	16,400	16,500	16,000
Mining	67.8	67.4	65.1	—	—	—	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,400	3,400	3,400
Construction	98.7	98.3	93.1	3,200	3,200	3,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	3,500	3,600	3,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	106.3	106.6	104.8	2,700	2,600	2,600	6,100	6,200	5,500	3,400	3,400	3,300
Trade	367.2	366.0	363.1	16,500	16,400	16,400	14,000	13,900	12,900	16,900	16,900	16,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	101.4	101.7	100.9	3,200	3,200	2,900	1,900	1,900	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	428.1	426.0	405.4	17,500	17,300	16,900	7,300	7,300	7,000	13,700	13,600	12,500
Government	204.6	203.5	196.4	22,700	22,700	21,700	9,800	9,700	9,700	8,900	8,900	8,900
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	**96,300**	**96,200**	**94,500**	**99,600**	**98,900**	**98,100**	**44,800**	**44,400**	**44,700**	**42,400**	**42,700**	**42,600**
Manufacturing	7,200	7,300	7,300	12,400	12,200	13,000	2,300	2,300	2,300	4,100	4,100	4,100
Mining	300	300	300	900	900	900	8,600	8,500	8,800	5,000	5,100	5,000
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	4,400	4,400	4,200	1,300	1,400	1,400	1,900	2,000	2,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,800	5,800	5,000	2,900	2,900	3,100	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	27,400	27,400	27,300	31,400	30,900	30,900	11,000	10,800	10,700	12,500	12,500	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,200	4,300	4,200	4,000	2,400	2,400	2,400	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	23,900	23,700	24,100	16,700	16,700	16,200	9,600	9,400	9,800	7,600	7,600	7,600
Government	23,400	23,400	22,400	26,600	26,700	25,800	7,300	7,300	7,000	7,900	8,000	7,900
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	**36,000**	**36,200**	**37,400**	**517,400**	**515,400**	**515,500**	**37,000**	**36,800**	**36,900**	**47,000**	**47,100**	**45,900**
Manufacturing	5,100	5,100	5,500	47,600	47,400	48,400	10,800	10,800	10,800	7,100	7,100	7,100
Mining	600	600	500	2,100	2,200	2,200	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,300	20,300	20,100	22,100	1,600	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,400	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,900	19,600	19,700	19,400	1,400	1,400	1,700	2,300	2,400	2,300
Trade	8,800	8,800	9,200	130,200	129,400	130,300	8,000	7,900	7,900	10,800	10,700	10,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,700	41,200	41,400	40,400	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,800	9,100	134,400	133,400	132,200	8,900	8,800	8,500	10,700	10,700	10,000
Government	7,600	7,600	7,200	122,000	121,800	120,500	4,400	4,300	4,500	12,700	12,900	12,400
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	**62,100**	**61,800**	**61,600**	**28,400**	**28,000**	**27,400**	**82,600**	**82,200**	**80,400**	**50,400**	**50,600**	**50,500**
Manufacturing	10,800	10,700	10,900	3,100	3,000	3,400	16,100	16,200	15,200	8,200	8,300	8,500
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,300	1,300	1,300	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,500
Construction	1,700	1,600	1,700	1,800	1,700	1,500	2,900	2,800	3,100	1,500	1,500	1,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,500	1,300	1,200	1,300	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	16,300	16,200	16,300	7,600	7,500	7,400	18,800	18,500	18,300	11,800	11,800	11,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,400	1,500	1,500	1,600	5,100	5,100	5,000	2,400	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	15,300	15,200	14,900	5,900	5,800	6,000	22,900	22,800	22,300	12,700	12,700	12,400
Government	10,000	10,100	10,300	5,900	6,000	4,900	13,300	13,300	13,100	9,800	9,900	9,900

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✦

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APR.'90*	MAR.'90	APR.'89	APR.'90*	MAR.'90	APR.'89	APR.'90*	MAR.'90	APR.'89
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 425.95	$ 430.97	$ 431.28	40.8	41.4	42.2	$ 10.44	$10.41	$10.22
Durable Goods	416.93	427.87	434.09	40.4	41.5	42.6	10.32	10.31	10.19
Lumber & Wood Products	291.10	296.33	299.10	40.6	41.1	41.6	7.17	7.21	7.19
Furniture & Fixtures	264.92	285.20	268.80	37.9	40.0	40.0	6.99	7.13	6.72
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	411.73	399.10	401.94	41.8	41.4	42.0	9.85	9.64	9.57
Primary Metal Industries	452.73	472.34	454.11	40.1	42.4	41.7	11.29	11.14	10.89
Fabricated Metal Products	378.92	395.41	392.34	40.7	42.2	43.4	9.31	9.37	9.04
Machinery, exc. Electric	402.38	424.03	421.71	39.8	41.9	42.9	10.11	10.12	9.83
Oil Field Machinery	492.05	524.16	497.04	42.2	44.8	43.6	11.66	11.70	11.40
Electric & Electronic Equip.	484.51	485.75	492.69	41.2	41.2	42.4	11.76	11.79	11.62
Transportation Equipment	540.60	551.27	598.09	40.8	41.7	44.6	13.25	13.22	13.41
Instruments & Related Prod.	396.73	408.12	396.58	40.4	41.1	40.8	9.82	9.93	9.72
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	292.97	288.42	282.80	38.6	38.1	38.9	7.59	7.57	7.27
Nondurable Goods	436.31	434.89	427.84	41.2	41.3	41.7	10.59	10.53	10.26
Food & Kindred Products	342.95	352.29	341.88	40.3	41.3	40.7	8.51	8.53	8.40
Meat Products	262.42	271.00	255.60	39.7	41.5	40.0	6.61	6.53	6.39
Malt Beverages	878.39	887.36	879.38	46.5	47.2	46.9	18.89	18.80	18.75
Textile Mill Products	322.49	307.84	335.22	42.1	41.6	44.4	7.66	7.40	7.55
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	214.92	209.93	215.86	39.8	38.1	39.9	5.40	5.51	5.41
Paper & Allied Products	484.50	489.19	498.96	42.5	43.1	44.0	11.40	11.35	11.34
Printing & Publishing	410.84	415.94	403.39	40.2	40.5	39.9	10.22	10.27	10.11
Chemicals & Allied Products	704.58	690.77	704.81	43.6	43.2	44.3	16.16	15.99	15.91
Petroleum & Coal Products	767.38	765.77	720.65	45.3	45.5	44.9	16.94	16.83	16.05
Petroleum Refining	801.19	797.47	751.05	45.6	45.7	45.0	17.57	17.45	16.69
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	374.26	374.54	360.73	39.9	40.8	41.8	9.38	9.18	8.63
Leather & Leather Products	244.06	250.67	231.27	36.7	39.6	39.0	6.65	6.33	5.93
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	586.27	565.13	534.09	42.7	42.3	40.4	13.73	13.36	13.22
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	558.38	553.84	535.46	46.3	46.0	44.4	12.06	12.04	12.06
Oil & Gas Extraction	587.66	565.32	534.13	42.4	42.0	40.1	13.86	13.46	13.32
Communications	523.26	515.60	499.41	40.5	40.0	39.2	12.92	12.89	12.74
Elec., Gas & San. Services	553.37	531.71	513.89	42.6	41.9	42.4	12.99	12.69	12.12
Wholesale & Retail Trade	241.41	237.65	238.46	32.8	32.6	32.8	7.36	7.29	7.27
Wholesale Trade	422.53	410.94	417.35	39.6	39.1	39.9	10.67	10.51	10.46
Retail Trade	186.35	184.52	183.60	30.7	30.6	30.6	6.07	6.03	6.00
General Merchandise Stores	184.50	185.63	175.21	30.0	29.7	29.3	6.15	6.25	5.98
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	298.74	280.78	298.65	39.0	36.8	39.4	7.66	7.63	7.58

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 425.99	$ 442.26	$ 438.44	41.0	42.0	42.9	$ 10.39	$ 10.53	$ 10.22
Durable Goods	447.72	468.57	478.06	41.0	42.1	43.7	10.92	11.13	10.94
Nondurable Goods	389.09	398.05	369.77	41.0	41.9	41.5	9.49	9.50	8.91
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	455.22	462.15	456.64	40.5	41.3	41.4	11.24	11.19	11.03
Durable Goods	479.85	489.06	481.22	40.7	41.8	41.7	11.79	11.70	11.54
Nondurable Goods	401.20	400.20	401.88	40.2	40.1	40.8	9.98	9.98	9.85
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	512.48	524.94	510.56	42.6	43.6	43.6	12.03	12.04	11.71
Durable Goods	422.69	444.42	429.57	41.4	43.4	43.7	10.21	10.24	9.83
Nondurable Goods	623.04	625.03	612.92	44.0	43.8	43.5	14.16	14.27	14.09
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	316.00	312.07	303.16	41.2	40.9	40.1	7.67	7.63	7.56
Durable Goods	353.12	348.16	327.02	41.3	41.3	39.4	8.55	8.43	8.30
Nondurable Goods	281.26	277.55	279.61	41.0	40.4	40.7	6.86	6.87	6.87

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✦ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Transportation and Public Utilities gained close to 5,000 jobs, due primarily to advances in Water Transportation and Air Transportation. Seasonal trends pushed employment in **Services** up by over 4,000 as Amusements, including Motion Pictures, added 1,200 jobs and Business and Repair Services (which includes Tax Preparation Services) gained 1,100 positions. The other major industry sector which was helped by seasonal factors was **Construction**, where 2,700 jobs were created in April. The only sector which did not increase was **Mining**, where employment held steady over the month.

Manufacturing continued its downward trend, losing an additional 600 jobs in April. Gains and losses were mixed among both the Durable and Nondurable Goods sectors. Declines were more prevalent in **Durable Goods**, which was responsible for the overall decrease of 600 in Manufacturing. **Nondurable Goods** had offsetting increases and declines, leaving the sector unchanged in April.

Average Hours Decline in April

The 628,500 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers in April were working a 40.8-hour week at $10.44 per hour, averaging $425.95 in Weekly Earnings. Weekly Hours were down by 0.6 hour from March but had declined by 1.4 hours from April 1989. Average Hourly Earnings were up by three cents over the month and had risen by $2.24 from the year-ago average.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	APR.'90	APR.'89
Total Population	17,106,500*	16,952,400*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	1.9
UI Covered Employers	313,868	311,482
Total Claims Actions	537,497	513,292
Total Initial Claims Actions	57,941	53,730
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	479,556	459,562
Total Placements	33,449	31,615
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$154.23	$155.21
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$61,691,634	$56,343,310

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Abilene	$1,195,238
Amarillo	2,242,712
Austin	8,030,333
Beaumont-Port Arthur	4,870,902
Brazoria	1,972,754
Brownsville-Harlingen	3,230,698
Bryan-College Station	768,364
Corpus Christi	3,717,586
Dallas	33,205,595
El Paso	9,059,820
Fort Worth-Arlington	19,049,916
Galveston-Texas City	3,344,435
Houston	36,007,998
Killeen-Temple	2,042,705
Laredo	1,298,019
Longview-Marshall	2,159,584
Lubbock	1,548,661
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	9,069,009
Midland	1,314,809
Odessa	1,386,585
San Angelo	1,097,508
San Antonio	15,231,848
Sherman-Denison	1,248,136
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	666,091
Tyler	1,875,871
Victoria	628,795
Waco	2,287,977
Wichita Falls	1,416,011
State of Texas	218,832,967

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1988 PER CAPITA INCOME DATA RELEASED

1988 Personal and Per Capita Income Data Released by BEA

The Bureau of Economic Analysis in Washington recently released personal income data for 1988 for counties and Metropolitan Statistical Areas throughout the U. S. As might be expected, given Texas' economic problems in the past few years, no MSA in this State was among those with the fastest growth in total personal income between 1983 and 1988—the period covered by these reports.

The Houston PMSA was, however, among the 10 MSA's with the largest total personal income in 1988. These total income estimates include transfer payments, such as welfare payments and unemployment benefits, as well as regular wages and salaries. This area's total personal income in 1988 was estimated at $52.6 million.

Per Capita Income is estimated by dividing Total Personal Income by Total Population for an area. Per Capita Income estimates for Texas as a whole had risen by 22 percent between 1983 and 1988, to a level of $14,590. Among the Texas MSA's with the highest Per Capita Income levels in 1988 were Dallas, at $18,580; Midland, at $16,947; Fort Worth-Arlington, with $16,551; and Houston, which had a 1988 Per Capita Income of $16,192.

Although no Texas MSA was among the 10 Metropolitan Areas with the highest 1988 Per Capita Income level, the four border MSA's were all among the 10 U. S. MSA's with the lowest Per Capita Income levels. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA had the lowest Per Capita Income of any area in the Nation, at $7,302 in 1988 (see **Graph** on Page 3).

Ranked by percentage increases between 1983 and 1988, the Bryan-College Station MSA was highest, with a growth rate of 31 percent. Texarkana's Per Capita Income increased by 29 percent, while Killeen-Temple registered a 28 percent gain.

Due to the oil and gas-related problems in Texas, three areas which previously had high income growth rates slid to the bottom of the list. The Odessa MSA recorded only a

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	May '90	Apr.'90	May '89
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	124,640.0	123,816.0	123,195.0
Unemployment	6,363.0	6,457.0	6,156.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.1%**	**5.2%**	**5.0%**
Total Employment	118,277.0	117,359.0	117,039.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	125,003.0	124,886.0	123,551.0
Unemployment	6,653.0	6,770.0	6,419.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.3%**	**5.4%**	**5.2%**
Total Employment	118,350.0	118,116.0	117,132.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,409.7	8,386.2	8,382.6
Unemployment	522.9	499.2	495.5
Percent Unemployed	**6.2%**	**6.0%**	**5.9%**
Total Employment	7,886.8	7,887.0	7,887.1
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,425.0	8,495.0	8,399.0
Unemployment	545.0	540.0	513.0
Percent Unemployed	**6.5%**	**6.4%**	**6.1%**
Total Employment	7,880.0	7,955.0	7,886.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	MAY'90*	APR.'90**	MAY'89**	MAY'90*	APR.'90**	MAY'89**	MAY'90*	APR.'90**	MAY'89**
		ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,100	51,700	52,400	97,300	96,300	97,600	431,200	431,400	433,900
Total Unemployment	3,200	2,800	3,100	5,200	4,700	4,700	20,800	18,900	21,500
Percent Unemployed	6.1%	5.4%	5.9%	5.3%	4.9%	4.8%	4.8%	4.4%	5.0%
Total Employment ++	48,900	48,900	49,300	92,100	91,600	92,900	410,400	412,500	412,400
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			**BRAZORIA**			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	164,000	163,200	162,500	86,400	85,600	85,700	107,800	107,000	102,400
Total Unemployment	12,700	12,000	13,700	4,800	4,400	5,400	12,100	11,500	10,500
Percent Unemployed	7.7%	7.4%	8.4%	5.6%	5.1%	6.3%	11.2%	10.7%	10.3%
Total Employment ++	151,300	151,200	148,800	81,600	81,200	80,300	95,700	95,500	91,900
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			**CORPUS CHRISTI**			**DALLAS*** **	
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,500	62,600	61,900	157,300	157,600	159,100	1,432.1	1,429.6	1,440.8
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,000	2,500	10,100	10,000	12,200	74.4	69.6	69.0
Percent Unemployed	3.7%	3.2%	4.0%	6.4%	6.3%	7.7%	5.2%	4.9%	4.8%
Total Employment ++	59,200	60,600	59,400	147,200	147,600	146,900	1,357.7	1,360.0	1,371.8
		EL PASO			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	252,500	251,200	245,500	727,400	723,400	719,500	109,700	109,100	111,600
Total Unemployment	26,900	25,600	21,800	41,400	34,500	34,500	7,800	7,600	7,500
Percent Unemployed	10.7%	10.2%	8.9%	5.7%	4.8%	4.8%	7.1%	7.0%	6.7%
Total Employment ++	225,600	225,600	223,700	686,000	688,900	685,000	101,900	101,500	104,100
		HOUSTON* **			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,683.9	1,677.4	1,658.3	99,300	98,600	96,300	52,900	53,600	50,300
Total Unemployment	88.8	82.3	87.2	6,700	6,600	6,300	5,300	6,000	5,000
Percent Unemployed	5.3%	4.9%	5.3%	6.7%	6.7%	6.5%	10.0%	11.2%	9.9%
Total Employment ++	1,595.1	1,595.1	1,571.1	92,600	92,000	90,000	47,600	47,600	45,300
		LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			**LUBBOCK**			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,800	79,800	79,200	114,300	113,300	113,800	163,000	165,500	154,600
Total Unemployment	5,500	5,200	6,100	5,300	4,800	4,900	27,500	32,400	20,600
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	6.5%	7.7%	4.6%	4.2%	4.3%	16.9%	19.6%	13.3%
Total Employment ++	74,300	74,600	73,100	109,000	108,500	108,900	135,500	133,100	134,000
		MIDLAND			**ODESSA**			**SAN ANGELO**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,900	48,800	49,600	50,400	50,500	52,200	44,200	44,300	45,800
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,500	2,800	3,100	3,200	3,900	2,700	2,600	2,400
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	5.1%	5.6%	6.2%	6.3%	7.5%	6.1%	5.9%	5.2%
Total Employment ++	46,200	46,300	46,800	47,300	47,300	48,300	41,500	41,700	43,400
		SAN ANTONIO			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	610,500	609,700	617,700	46,800	46,900	47,200	57,300	57,500	57,800
Total Unemployment	42,900	42,600	39,900	2,500	2,400	2,400	3,600	3,400	3,900
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	7.0%	6.5%	5.3%	5.1%	5.1%	6.3%	5.9%	6.7%
Total Employment ++	567,600	567,100	577,800	44,300	44,500	44,800	53,700	54,100	53,900
		TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**	
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,600	74,700	75,300	36,500	36,000	35,400	94,200	93,900	92,800
Total Unemployment	4,600	4,200	4,800	1,800	1,700	2,000	5,600	4,800	4,600
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	5.6%	6.4%	4.9%	4.7%	5.6%	5.9%	5.1%	5.0%
Total Employment ++	70,000	70,500	70,500	34,700	34,300	33,400	88,600	89,100	88,200
		WICHITA FALLS						**STATE OF TEXAS*** **	
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,100	55,500	57,100				8,409.7	8,386.2	8,382.6
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,000	3,300				522.9	499.2	495.5
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	5.4%	5.8%				6.2%	6.0%	5.9%
Total Employment ++	52,400	52,500	53,800				7,886.8	7,887.0	7,887.1

+ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

* Preliminary - subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

7 percent increase between 1983 and 1988, while Midland's Per Capita income grew by only 14 percent and Houston recorded only a 16 percent growth rate.

For more information on Per Capita Income, contact the Economic Research and Analysis Department, Texas Employment Commission, 101 E. 15th Street, Austin, TX 78778.

Texas Unemployment Rate Rises

The Statewide actual unemployment rate increased moderately between April and May, from 6.0 percent to 6.2 percent. Although the over-the-month gain was not large, the current rate was slightly above the May 1989 rate of 5.9 percent. Much of the increase in joblessness in May was due to the entrance of summer jobseekers into the labor force, which usually pushes unemployment up somewhat.

Total employment was basically unchanged both over the month and from the year-ago level in May 1990, while unemployment had risen from both prior periods. Estimates from the Current Population Survey showed that there were 237,900 agricultural workers in Texas in mid-May. The U. S. unemployment rates in both the actual and the seasonally adjusted series inched downward by one-tenth of a percent over the month. The actual rate for the Nation in May was 5.1 percent, while the seasonally adjusted rate slid to 5.3 percent.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Increases

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs increased by 1,400 from April to May 1990, raising total Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment to 6,919,600. A comparison of the over-the-month growth this year with the same period last year reveals a definite slowing economic growth in Texas this year.

With the beginning of summer job growth, **Nonmanufacturing**, overall, gained 4,900 jobs, with the largest growth occurring in **Construction** and **Wholesale & Retail Trade**. Seasonal factors provided the impetus for most of the growth in Construction, up by 3,200 from April 1990, and in Wholesale & Retail Trade, up by 3,600 from last month. **Retail Trade** reflected expansion influenced by part-time and limited seasonal hiring in General Merchandise Stores, Food Stores, and Eating & Drinking Places.

Another large gain was found in **Mining**, up by 1,200 from April 1990. Oil & Gas Extraction was responsible for this growth, with employment at 163,300 in this industry. In addition, **Transportation & Public Utilities** had an increase of 2,500 jobs, most of which was concentrated in Other Transportation.

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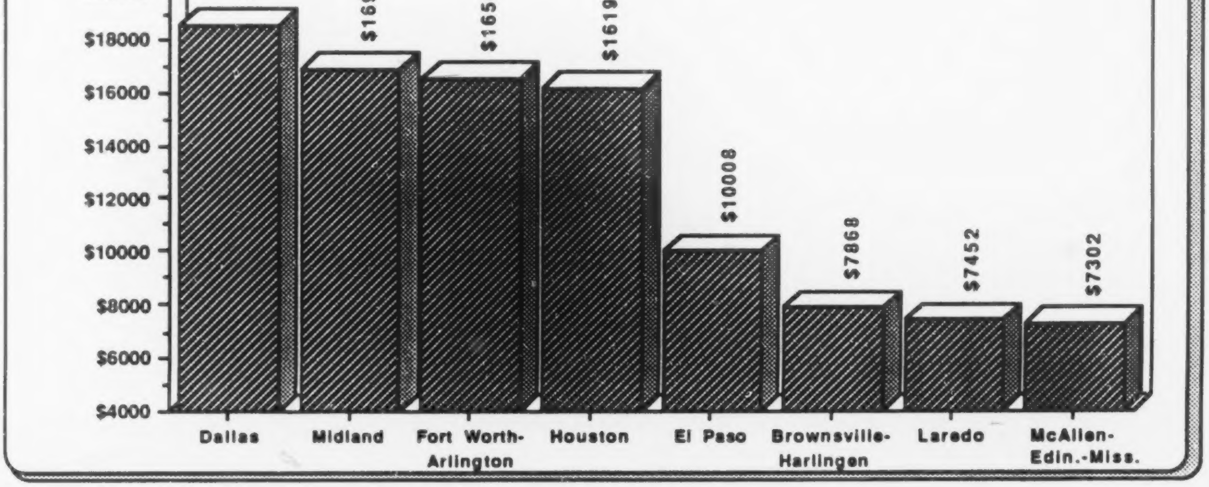

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	May '90*	Apr.'90**	May '89**	Chg. from Apr.'90	Chg. from May '89
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,919,600**	**6,918,200**	**6,808,700**	**1,400**	**110,900**
MANUFACTURING	**959,800**	**963,300**	**969,500**	**-3,500**	**-9,700**
Durable Goods	**550,400**	**552,300**	**558,700**	**-1,900**	**-8,300**
Lumber & Wood Products	30,800	30,600	30,900	200	-100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	6,800	7,000	200	0
Furniture & Fixtures	16,600	16,700	15,900	-100	700
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	35,600	35,900	37,400	-300	-1,800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	15,100	15,300	16,600	-200	-1,500
Primary Metal Industries	28,800	28,700	29,500	100	-700
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,700	77,800	77,600	-100	100
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,100	37,200	37,200	-100	-100
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	106,500	106,200	108,600	300	-2,100
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	23,700	23,500	23,700	200	0
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	104,800	104,200	106,100	600	-1,300
Transportation Equipment	96,900	99,500	99,700	-2,600	-2,800
Aircraft & Parts	71,500	71,800	71,500	-300	0
Instruments & Related Prod.	37,000	37,200	37,200	-200	-200
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,700	15,500	15,800	200	-100
Nondurable Goods	**409,400**	**411,000**	**410,800**	**-1,600**	**-1,400**
Food & Kindred Products	95,500	95,300	95,200	200	300
Meat Products	29,000	28,900	29,100	100	-100
Dairy Products	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Bakery Products	9,900	10,000	10,000	-100	-100
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,300	3,000	-100	200
Textile Mill Products	3,700	3,800	4,000	-100	-300
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	54,500	55,500	56,800	-1,000	-2,300
Paper & Allied Products	24,300	24,400	24,600	-100	-300
Printing & Publishing	72,700	72,800	73,400	-100	-700
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	34,800	34,700	35,100	100	-300
Chemicals & Allied Products	82,600	82,500	79,900	100	2,700
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,800	28,800	28,300	0	500
Petroleum Refining	25,600	25,600	25,200	0	400
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	40,300	40,600	40,800	-300	-500
Leather & Leather Products	6,900	7,200	7,700	-300	-800
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,959,800**	**5,954,900**	**5,839,200**	**4,900**	**120,600**
Mining	**177,000**	**175,800**	**173,000**	**1,200**	**4,000**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,800	9,800	9,700	0	100
Oil & Gas Extraction	167,200	166,000	163,300	1,200	3,900
Construction	**318,500**	**315,300**	**317,000**	**3,200**	**1,500**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**414,700**	**412,200**	**398,200**	**2,500**	**16,500**
Railroad Transportation	19,000	19,000	20,300	0	-1,300
Other Transportation	232,700	230,400	218,400	2,300	14,300
Transportation by Air	72,300	71,700	67,200	600	5,100
Communications	86,100	86,000	83,100	100	3,000
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,900	76,800	76,400	100	500
Electric Services	40,600	40,400	41,000	200	-400
Gas Production & Distribution	27,300	27,400	27,200	-100	100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,693,400**	**1,689,800**	**1,683,600**	**3,600**	**9,800**
Wholesale Trade	425,200	425,500	425,000	-300	200
Retail Trade	1,268,200	1,264,300	1,258,600	3,900	9,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,300	43,300	42,600	0	700
General Merchandise Stores	171,900	171,300	174,500	600	-2,600
Food Stores	224,000	223,000	223,100	1,000	900
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	135,600	135,100	138,100	500	-2,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,400	83,900	83,000	-500	400
Eating & Drinking Places	428,200	426,200	417,300	2,000	10,900
Other Retail Trade	181,800	181,500	180,000	300	1,800
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**432,700**	**433,000**	**432,400**	**-300**	**300**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	133,000	133,200	134,300	-200	-1,300
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	141,400	141,500	139,200	-100	2,200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	158,300	158,300	158,900	0	-600
Services	**1,653,300**	**1,654,400**	**1,603,100**	**-1,100**	**50,200**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,100	84,400	86,300	700	-1,200
Personal Services	79,800	82,000	76,900	-2,200	2,900
Business & Repair Services	413,300	411,900	404,200	1,400	9,100
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	76,600	76,000	75,500	600	1,100
Health Services	461,500	459,200	441,300	2,300	20,200
Educational Services	77,800	84,200	78,900	-6,400	-1,100
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	148,500	148,700	139,200	-200	9,300
Other Services & Miscellaneous	310,700	308,000	300,800	2,700	9,900
Total Government	**1,270,200**	**1,274,400**	**1,231,900**	**-4,200**	**38,300**
Federal Government	209,300	210,000	201,500	-700	7,800
State Government	256,100	260,200	249,700	-4,100	6,400
Local Government	804,800	804,200	780,700	600	24,100

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	May'90*	Apr.'90**	May'89**	May'90*	Apr.'90**	May'89**	May'90*	Apr.'90**	May'89**	May'90*	Apr.'90**	May'89**
	ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**			**BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR**		
TOTAL	**49,200**	**48,900**	**48,800**	**77,800**	**77,200**	**77,500**	**369,800**	**370,300**	**364,000**	**139,100**	**138,800**	**135,100**
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,800	8,900	9,000	9,100	45,500	45,300	43,500	24,800	25,000	24,600
Mining	1,500	1,400	1,500	1,100	1,100	1,400	600	600	600	1,600	1,600	1,400
Construction	1,600	1,400	1,600	3,400	3,200	3,500	10,800	10,800	11,200	10,500	10,200	9,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,600	5,700	5,600	5,600	11,200	11,100	11,200	9,900	9,900	9,800
Trade	13,200	13,100	13,200	21,800	21,700	22,400	78,000	77,700	78,100	32,600	32,600	32,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,200	2,200	2,300	3,900	3,900	4,100	23,700	23,700	23,500	5,300	5,300	5,300
Services & Misc.	14,000	14,100	13,700	17,500	17,300	17,000	92,400	92,100	90,400	32,900	32,700	31,200
Government	9,000	9,000	9,100	15,500	15,400	14,400	107,600	109,000	105,500	21,500	21,500	21,100
	BRAZORIA			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**			**BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION**			**CORPUS CHRISTI**		
TOTAL	**64,800**	**64,100**	**62,900**	**75,900**	**76,200**	**73,300**	**53,000**	**54,400**	**52,400**	**129,100**	**129,100**	**127,100**
Manufacturing	16,400	16,400	16,000	10,800	10,800	10,500	3,700	3,700	3,600	11,600	11,600	11,700
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,100	—	—	—	500	500	500	3,500	3,500	3,600
Construction	9,400	9,000	8,600	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,600	1,500	1,700	10,000	9,800	8,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,100	3,100	3,100	1,400	1,400	1,300	6,600	6,700	6,700
Trade	11,700	11,600	11,500	20,300	20,500	19,800	11,600	11,900	11,500	32,100	32,100	32,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,800	3,800	3,700	1,600	1,700	1,700	6,200	6,300	6,400
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,100	8,900	18,000	18,000	16,900	9,200	9,100	9,200	30,500	30,500	29,700
Government	11,800	11,700	11,500	17,900	18,000	17,300	23,400	24,600	22,900	28,600	28,600	28,600
	DALLAS ***			**EL PASO**			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**		
TOTAL	**1,359.5**	**1,357.7**	**1,345.9**	**207,400**	**207,000**	**201,400**	**575,400**	**575,600**	**562,000**	**75,400**	**75,200**	**75,700**
Manufacturing	221.0	220.9	223.8	39,500	39,800	40,700	118,400	121,300	119,500	9,000	9,000	8,900
Mining	17.2	17.2	17.6	—	—	—	3,900	3,900	4,000	600	600	500
Construction	44.6	44.2	47.6	8,200	8,300	7,800	21,000	21,000	21,000	6,300	6,400	6,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	80.2	80.1	76.8	10,600	10,500	10,400	55,500	55,200	51,100	5,100	5,000	4,700
Trade	354.7	353.9	345.1	52,500	52,000	50,300	145,800	144,600	143,800	14,200	14,100	14,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	128.7	129.2	129.6	8,400	8,400	8,500	27,500	27,700	27,800	4,500	4,500	4,600
Services & Misc.	350.3	349.0	348.0	42,900	42,800	41,500	128,100	126,900	123,500	13,900	13,900	13,700
Government	162.8	163.2	157.4	45,300	45,200	42,200	75,100	75,000	71,300	21,800	21,700	22,200
	HOUSTON ***			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**			**LONGVIEW-MARSHALL**		
TOTAL	**1,541.6**	**1,537.8**	**1,495.1**	**75,200**	**74,600**	**73,100**	**44,200**	**43,800**	**41,400**	**68,700**	**68,800**	**66,900**
Manufacturing	163.6	163.3	161.4	8,800	8,700	8,500	1,800	1,800	1,700	16,300	16,300	16,000
Mining	67.8	67.8	64.5	—	—	—	1,700	1,700	1,600	3,400	3,400	3,300
Construction	100.5	99.0	94.2	3,200	3,200	3,400	1,300	1,200	1,200	3,600	3,600	2,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	107.0	106.5	105.8	2,700	2,700	2,700	6,100	6,100	5,600	3,500	3,400	3,300
Trade	369.3	366.7	364.8	16,800	16,500	16,800	14,200	14,000	13,100	16,900	16,800	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	101.8	101.9	101.5	3,200	3,200	3,000	1,900	1,900	1,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	427.8	427.6	407.8	17,700	17,500	16,900	7,300	7,300	6,800	13,400	13,700	12,700
Government	203.8	205.0	195.1	22,800	22,800	21,800	9,900	9,800	9,700	8,900	8,900	8,900
	LUBBOCK			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**			**MIDLAND**			**ODESSA**		
TOTAL	**97,100**	**96,500**	**94,900**	**100,500**	**99,500**	**97,300**	**44,700**	**44,700**	**44,700**	**42,600**	**42,300**	**42,600**
Manufacturing	7,200	7,200	7,300	12,600	12,400	12,900	2,300	2,300	2,400	4,100	4,100	4,000
Mining	300	300	300	900	900	900	8,500	8,600	8,800	5,000	4,900	5,000
Construction	3,100	2,900	3,000	4,400	4,400	4,200	1,300	1,300	1,400	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,800	5,800	5,100	2,900	2,900	3,100	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	27,900	27,700	27,600	31,900	31,000	30,000	11,000	10,900	10,700	12,600	12,500	12,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,300	4,300	4,300	4,100	2,400	2,400	2,400	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	23,900	23,800	24,000	16,600	16,700	16,200	9,600	9,600	9,700	7,600	7,500	7,700
Government	23,500	23,400	22,300	26,900	26,900	25,900	7,300	7,300	7,000	7,900	7,900	7,900
	SAN ANGELO			**SAN ANTONIO**			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**		
TOTAL	**36,100**	**36,000**	**37,100**	**519,100**	**517,400**	**517,800**	**37,100**	**37,100**	**36,900**	**47,100**	**46,900**	**46,100**
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	5,500	46,200	47,500	48,600	10,900	10,800	10,800	7,200	7,100	7,100
Mining	600	600	500	2,100	2,100	2,100	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,200	20,400	20,100	21,900	1,600	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,800	19,800	19,600	19,500	1,300	1,300	1,700	2,300	2,300	2,300
Trade	8,800	8,800	9,100	131,300	130,000	131,100	8,000	8,000	8,000	10,700	10,700	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,700	40,900	41,200	40,500	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,600	9,100	135,800	134,400	133,600	8,900	8,900	8,600	10,800	10,700	10,000
Government	7,700	7,700	7,200	122,600	122,500	120,500	4,400	4,400	4,400	12,700	12,700	12,500
	TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**			**WICHITA FALLS**		
TOTAL	**62,200**	**62,300**	**61,800**	**28,500**	**28,300**	**27,500**	**82,300**	**82,700**	**80,600**	**50,400**	**50,400**	**50,800**
Manufacturing	10,800	10,800	10,800	3,100	3,100	2,900	16,200	16,200	15,500	7,900	8,000	8,500
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,400	1,300	1,300	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,500
Construction	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,500	3,000	2,900	3,100	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,700	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	16,300	16,300	16,300	7,600	7,500	7,600	18,700	18,700	18,500	11,800	11,800	11,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,400	1,500	1,500	1,600	5,100	5,100	5,100	2,300	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	15,200	15,300	14,900	5,800	5,800	6,100	22,400	22,900	21,800	12,800	12,700	12,500
Government	10,100	10,100	10,400	6,000	5,900	5,200	13,400	13,400	13,200	10,000	9,900	9,900

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* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY'90*	APR.'90	MAY'89	MAY'90*	APR.'90	MAY'89	MAY'90*	APR.'90	MAY'89
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 430.56	$ 424.68	$ 426.96	41.4	40.6	41.9	$ 10.40	$10.46	$10.19
Durable Goods	424.96	413.48	428.33	41.5	40.3	42.2	10.24	10.26	10.15
Lumber & Wood Products	310.34	303.81	305.14	41.6	41.0	41.8	7.46	7.41	7.30
Furniture & Fixtures	276.11	261.05	264.13	39.5	37.4	38.9	6.99	6.98	6.79
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	417.73	399.08	404.28	42.8	41.1	42.2	9.76	9.71	9.58
Primary Metal Industries	489.06	453.13	450.32	42.9	40.1	41.2	11.40	11.30	10.93
Fabricated Metal Products	391.86	380.59	382.67	42.0	41.1	42.9	9.33	9.26	8.92
Machinery, exc. Electric	420.51	396.58	421.02	41.8	39.5	42.7	10.06	10.04	9.86
Oil Field Machinery	500.63	477.05	486.69	44.5	41.7	43.3	11.25	11.44	11.24
Electric & Electronic Equip.	468.18	474.21	490.04	40.5	40.6	42.1	11.56	11.68	11.64
Transportation Equipment	539.92	531.54	579.91	41.5	40.7	43.8	13.01	13.06	13.24
Instruments & Related Prod.	413.34	395.79	386.88	41.5	40.1	40.3	9.96	9.87	9.60
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	295.23	288.03	286.60	39.0	38.2	39.1	7.57	7.54	7.33
Nondurable Goods	437.78	437.63	424.55	41.3	40.9	41.5	10.60	10.70	10.23
Food & Kindred Products	350.88	345.95	344.86	40.8	40.7	41.4	8.60	8.50	8.33
Meat Products	270.76	268.87	267.49	40.9	40.8	41.6	6.62	6.59	6.43
Malt Beverages	838.35	878.39	849.61	45.0	46.5	45.9	18.63	18.89	18.51
Textile Mill Products	328.61	300.89	313.65	42.9	39.8	42.5	7.66	7.56	7.38
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	227.53	213.19	209.67	40.2	37.6	38.9	5.66	5.67	5.39
Paper & Allied Products	484.40	484.93	480.20	43.6	42.5	43.3	11.11	11.41	11.09
Printing & Publishing	408.43	407.38	404.48	39.5	39.9	39.5	10.34	10.21	10.24
Chemicals & Allied Products	685.18	709.92	699.20	42.4	43.5	43.7	16.16	16.32	16.00
Petroleum & Coal Products	745.82	774.87	704.81	44.5	45.5	44.3	16.76	17.03	15.91
Petroleum Refining	772.56	807.98	729.86	44.4	45.7	44.1	17.40	17.68	16.55
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	384.87	376.81	366.34	40.9	40.3	42.4	9.41	9.35	8.64
Leather & Leather Products	242.82	234.75	224.62	38.3	35.3	38.2	6.34	6.65	5.88
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	580.03	586.36	497.21	42.4	42.8	38.1	13.68	13.70	13.05
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	547.99	561.39	530.14	47.2	46.9	44.7	11.61	11.97	11.86
Oil & Gas Extraction	583.09	588.20	494.44	42.1	42.5	37.6	13.85	13.84	13.15
Communications	528.84	542.93	510.47	40.9	41.7	40.1	12.93	13.02	12.73
Elec., Gas & San. Services	550.82	572.45	505.93	42.6	43.4	40.9	12.93	13.19	12.37
Wholesale & Retail Trade	242.06	241.41	236.35	32.8	32.8	32.6	7.38	7.36	7.25
Wholesale Trade	419.49	422.41	408.33	39.5	39.7	39.3	10.62	10.64	10.39
Retail Trade	188.50	187.57	183.61	30.8	30.8	30.5	6.12	6.09	6.02
General Merchandise Stores	186.88	182.97	179.95	29.9	29.8	29.5	6.25	6.14	6.10
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	280.72	300.29	276.40	36.6	39.1	37.2	7.67	7.68	7.43

HOURS AND EARNINGS
FOR SELECTED
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 436.60	$ 426.36	$ 441.52	41.9	40.8	42.7	$ 10.42	$ 10.45	$ 10.34
Durable Goods	461.25	451.13	482.01	42.2	40.9	43.7	10.93	11.03	11.03
Nondurable Goods	394.96	386.38	370.96	41.4	40.8	40.9	9.54	9.47	9.07
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	467.58	450.96	446.22	41.6	40.3	40.9	11.24	11.19	10.91
Durable Goods	491.40	473.85	467.62	42.0	40.5	41.2	11.70	11.70	11.35
Nondurable Goods	414.94	400.80	398.57	40.8	40.0	40.3	10.17	10.02	9.89
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	518.52	511.77	508.81	43.5	42.4	43.6	11.92	12.07	11.67
Durable Goods	449.07	423.30	423.15	44.2	41.5	43.4	10.16	10.20	9.75
Nondurable Goods	602.79	619.88	616.27	42.6	43.5	43.8	14.15	14.25	14.07
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	320.54	307.97	312.23	41.2	40.1	41.3	7.78	7.68	7.56
Durable Goods	348.53	340.54	342.72	41.1	40.3	40.8	8.48	8.45	8.40
Nondurable Goods	291.99	276.61	282.31	41.3	39.8	41.7	7.07	6.95	6.77

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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Overall losses were observed in **Finance, Insurance & Real Estate**, which decreased by 300; in **Services**, which declined by 1,100; and in **Government**, which registered a loss of 4,200 jobs. There were some gains within two of these sectors. In Services, gains occurred in Hotels & Other Lodging Places, up by 700 from last month. Most of this increase was in Dallas area hotels due to seasonal activities and conventions being held there. Business and Repair Services were up by 1,400 jobs, due to an increase in temporary services. Health Services increased by 2,300 jobs as nursing and personal care facilities added new positions. The only gain noted in **Government** came in Local Government, up by 600 from April 1990.

Manufacturing continued to decrease, losing 3,500 jobs in the last month. Durable Goods registered the larger loss, down 1,900, while **Nondurable Goods** lost 1,600 jobs over the month. Apparel & Other Textile Products declined by 1,000 jobs due primarily to the permanent closing of a leading manufacturer of men's and boys' clothing. Smaller decreases in Nondurable Goods occurred in Rubber & Plastics Products and Leather & Leather Products, as well as in Textile Mill Products, Paper & Allied Products, and Printing & Publishing.

The greatest loss in **Durable Goods** was noted in Transportation Equipment, down by 2,600 jobs, due to a plant shutdown for extensive retooling. Other losses in Durable Goods were noted in Stone, Clay & Glass Products and Instruments & Related Products, with further minor losses in Furniture & Fixtures and in Fabricated Metal Industries.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	MAY'90	MAY'89
Total Population	17,119,300*	16,965,200*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	1.6
UI Covered Employers	315,368	312,341
Total Claims Actions	574,699	533,187
Total Initial Claims Actions	57,014	55,486
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	517,685	477,701
Total Placements	42,951	35,288
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$157.25	$155.91
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$65,965,057	$61,371,518

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

Avg. Weekly Earnings Increase

For the estimated 624,000 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings decreased six cents from April to May 1990. Average Weekly Hours increased by eight-tenths of an hour, as Average Weekly Earnings increased by $5.88 over the month.

The largest gain in Average Weekly Earnings was in Durable Goods, up by $11.48, overall. Industries within Durable Goods with the highest increases were Machinery, including Oil Field Machinery, Primary Metal Industries and Instruments & Related Products.

In mid-May a worker, on average, was earning $10.40 per hour for a 41.4-hour week, and making $430.56 in weekly earnings. Compared to the May 1989 level, Average Hourly Earnings were up 21 cents, while Average Weekly Hours had decreased by five-tenths of an hour.

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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN TEXAS EXCEEDS 8 MILLION

Seasonal Factors Push Employment Up

The number of Texans working rose above the eight million mark for the first time in June 1990, totaling 8,009,700. While much of the impetus for the over-the-month increase came from seasonal hiring, total employment had been hovering just below the eight million mark for some time.

There was little movement in the actual Statewide unemployment rate between May and June 1990, as total unemployment rose by just 16,200 over the month. The June actual unemployment rate was 6.3 percent, compared to 6.2 percent in May. In fact, the Texas rate has hovered at 6.2 percent, on average, for the first two quarters of this year. There were an estimated 539,100 unemployed in mid-June, well below the year-ago level, when the Texas unemployment rate was 7.0 percent. Although total unemployment is normally pushed upward in June by summer jobseekers entering the labor force, the increase was not as large as usual this June, due in part to fewer workers losing or voluntarily leaving jobs over the month.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate declined substantially, from 6.5 percent in May to 5.6 percent in June. The current rate in this series was well below the year-ago 6.3 percent. For the Nation as a whole, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate slid down from 5.3 percent to 5.2 percent between May and June. The year-ago rate in this series was 5.3 percent. The actual U. S. rate edged upward from 5.1 percent in May to 5.3 percent in June, below the 5.3 percent registered in June 1989.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Also Peak

The number of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas also hit a new high in June 1990, at 6,971,100. Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment has been slowly edging toward the seven million mark for some months (**see Graph** on page 3).

Seasonal factors played a part in most all of the changes that occurred, particularly in **Nonmanufacturing,** which showed an increase ~~of 26,600 jobs.~~ **Wholesale and Retail Trade**, up by 13,200, and **Services,** up by 12,900, produced the largest gains from May to June.

Within **Retail Trade**, up by 11,200 over the month, Eating and Drinking Places hit-

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	June'90	May '90	June'89
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	126,307.0	124,640.0	125,569.0
Unemployment	6,702.0	6,363.0	6,850.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.3%**	**5.1%**	**5.5%**
Total Employment	119,605.0	118,277.0	118,719.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,836.0	125,003.0	124,111.0
Unemployment	6,447.0	6,653.0	6,569.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.2%**	**5.3%**	**5.3%**
Total Employment	118,389.0	118,350.0	117,542.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,548.8	8,409.7	8,486.1
Unemployment	539.1	522.9	595.5
Percent Unemployed	**6.3%**	**6.2%**	**7.0%**
Total Employment	8,009.7	7,886.8	7,890.6
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,452.0	8,425.0	8,393.0
Unemployment	473.0	545.0	527.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.6%**	**6.5%**	**6.3%**
Total Employment	7,979.0	7,880.0	7,866.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	JUNE'90*	MAY'90**	JUNE'89**	JUNE'90*	MAY'90**	JUNE'89**	JUNE'90*	MAY'90**	JUNE'89**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,700	52,000	52,500	98,800	96,600	99,200	434,900	432,200	435,600
Total Unemployment	3,200	3,200	3,700	5,300	5,200	5,500	21,400	20,800	25,500
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	6.2%	7.0%	5.4%	5.4%	5.5%	4.9%	4.8%	5.9%
Total Employment ++	48,500	48,800	48,800	93,500	91,400	93,700	413,500	411,400	410,100
		BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN	
Total Civilian Labor Force	166,600	164,000	164,300	88,500	86,900	86,400	109,800	108,000	104,500
Total Unemployment	13,300	12,700	16,100	4,800	4,700	6,500	12,700	12,100	13,000
Percent Unemployed	8.0%	7.7%	9.8%	5.4%	5.4%	7.5%	11.6%	11.2%	12.4%
Total Employment ++	153,300	151,300	148,200	83,700	82,200	79,900	97,100	95,900	91,500
		BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	59,700	61,500	59,900	159,400	156,900	159,400	1,455.7	1,431.5	1,452.3
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,300	2,800	11,200	10,000	14,600	77.6	74.3	84.3
Percent Unemployed	3.9%	3.7%	4.7%	7.0%	6.4%	9.2%	5.3%	5.2%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	57,400	59,200	57,100	148,200	146,900	144,800	1,378.1	1,357.2	1,368.0
		EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
Total Civilian Labor Force	257,000	253,500	251,300	742,600	727,300	730,200	113,900	110,800	112,700
Total Unemployment	27,500	27,000	27,300	42,400	41,400	42,100	8,300	7,900	8,500
Percent Unemployed	10.7%	10.7%	10.9%	5.7%	5.7%	5.8%	7.3%	7.1%	7.5%
Total Employment ++	229,500	226,500	224,000	700,200	685,900	688,100	105,600	102,900	104,200
		HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,723.5	1,685.3	1,691.4	101,300	99,300	99,000	53,400	52,800	51,400
Total Unemployment	93.7	89.0	106.4	7,100	6,800	7,700	5,300	5,400	5,900
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.3%	6.3%	7.0%	6.8%	7.8%	9.9%	10.2%	11.5%
Total Employment ++	1,629.8	1,596.3	1,585.0	94,200	92,500	91,300	48,100	47,400	45,500
		LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION	
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,000	79,700	81,400	114,900	114,000	113,900	162,300	162,500	156,700
Total Unemployment	5,800	5,500	7,300	6,200	5,300	6,400	25,500	27,600	23,200
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	6.9%	9.0%	5.4%	4.6%	5.6%	15.7%	17.0%	14.8%
Total Employment ++	75,200	74,200	74,100	108,700	108,700	107,500	136,800	134,900	133,500
		MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,500	48,800	50,000	51,300	50,600	52,900	44,800	44,400	45,700
Total Unemployment	2,800	2,700	3,200	3,500	3,100	4,800	2,800	2,700	2,700
Percent Unemployed	5.7%	5.5%	6.4%	6.8%	6.1%	9.1%	6.3%	6.1%	5.9%
Total Employment ++	46,700	46,100	46,800	47,800	47,500	48,100	42,000	41,700	43,000
		SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA	
Total Civilian Labor Force	617,900	609,900	621,400	47,100	46,900	47,400	57,900	57,300	59,000
Total Unemployment	44,700	42,800	49,200	2,500	2,500	3,000	3,700	3,700	4,600
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	7.0%	7.9%	5.3%	5.3%	6.3%	6.4%	6.5%	7.8%
Total Employment ++	573,200	567,100	572,200	44,600	44,400	44,400	54,200	53,600	54,400
		TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO	
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,900	74,700	75,800	37,000	36,400	36,400	95,900	94,000	93,900
Total Unemployment	4,900	4,600	5,500	1,800	1,800	2,300	6,900	5,500	5,800
Percent Unemployed	6.5%	6.2%	7.3%	4.9%	4.9%	6.3%	7.2%	5.9%	6.2%
Total Employment ++	71,000	70,100	70,300	35,200	34,600	34,100	89,000	88,500	88,100
		WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***	
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,800	56,300	57,400				8,548.8	8,409.7	8,486.1
Total Unemployment	3,800	3,700	3,600				539.1	522.9	595.5
Percent Unemployed	6.7%	6.6%	6.3%				6.3%	6.2%	7.0%
Total Employment ++	53,000	52,600	53,800				8,009.7	7,886.8	7,890.6

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

their peak season with an increase of 9,100 jobs. General Merchandise Stores also increased by 1,500, with smaller gains occurring in Food Stores and in Automotive Dealers and Service Stations. Losses in Retail Trade occurred in Apparel and Accessory Stores, down by 500, and Other Retail Trade, down by 300.

Health Services had the largest of the **Services** gain, as 3,000 openings were filled due to the hiring of new graduates from nursing schools and expansion of several of the larger facilities in the State. Business and Repair Services increased by 2,300 over the month, while Hotels and Other Lodging Places (which includes Sporting and Recreational Camps) was up by 1,400 from May to June. Educational Services declined by 2,700, while Personal Services were down by 700.

Construction employment rose by 5,200 over the month, as it followed normal seasonal growth patterns. **Mining** experienced an upswing, increasing by 2,500. Expansion was centered primarily in Oil and Gas Extraction. Also up was **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**, where employment increased by 900. Most of this advance occurred in Real Estate Operators and Lessors, as seasonal conditions encouraged the hiring of additional employees.

Transportation and Public Utilities increased by 2,300 from May to June. Transportation by Air, which increased by 900, made up a major part of the total 1,700 upswing in Other Transportation.

Seasonal factors also caused the most significant loss in **Government**, which was down by 10,400 from May to June. State Government decreased by 7,800, and Local Government was down by 3,500. The decline was a result of schools and colleges releasing workers for the summer months. However, because some government agencies hired summer help, the downturn was not as large as expected. Over the month, Federal Government increased by 900. Compared to a year ago, total Government was up by 61,400.

Manufacturing gained 1,600 jobs from May to June, with the largest gains in **Nondurable Goods**, particularly in Chemicals and Allied Products, up by 900, and Petroleum and Coal Products, up by 500. Other gains in Nondurable Goods included Paper and Allied Products, up by 200, and Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products, up by 300 over the month, with smaller increases in Printing and Publishing. Losses in Nondurables were in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products, down by 400, with smaller losses in Meat Products and Bakery Products.

Durable Goods employment was stable over the month. The largest gain was 500

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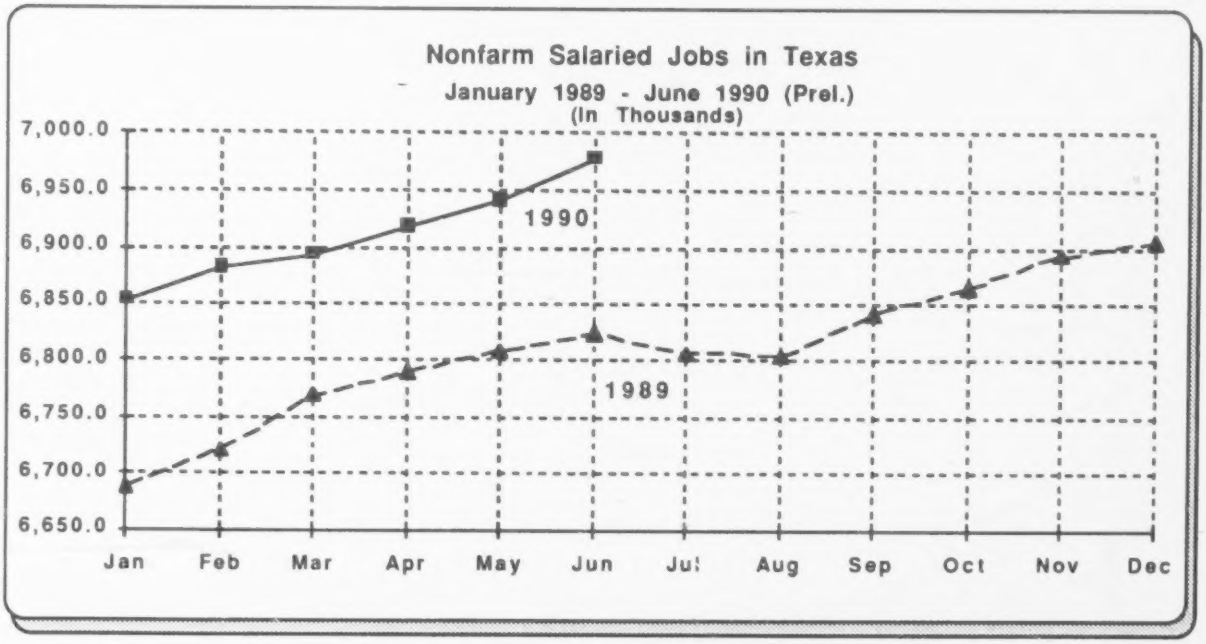

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas

January 1989 - June 1990 (Prel.)

(In Thousands)

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	June '90*	May'90**	June '89**	Chg. from May'90	Chg. from June '89
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,971,100**	**6,942,900**	**6,824,100**	**28,200**	**147,000**
MANUFACTURING	**962,000**	**960,400**	**974,600**	**1,600**	**-12,600**
Durable Goods	**550,300**	**550,300**	**559,800**	**0**	**-9,500**
Lumber & Wood Products	30,700	30,600	30,500	100	200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	6,900	6,600	100	400
Furniture & Fixtures	16,300	16,600	15,700	-300	600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	35,900	35,700	37,300	200	-1,400
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	15,200	15,100	16,600	100	-1,400
Primary Metal Industries	29,000	28,800	29,700	200	-700
Fabricated Metal Industries	78,100	77,900	77,600	200	500
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	37,300	37,100	37,100	200	200
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	107,300	106,800	108,700	500	-1,400
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	23,700	23,600	23,700	100	0
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	104,600	104,800	107,200	-200	-2,600
Transportation Equipment	96,100	96,600	99,700	-500	-3,600
Aircraft & Parts	70,800	71,300	71,700	-500	-900
Instruments & Related Prod.	36,700	36,800	37,500	-100	-800
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,600	15,700	15,900	-100	-300
Nondurable Goods	**411,700**	**410,100**	**414,800**	**1,600**	**-3,100**
Food & Kindred Products	95,600	95,600	96,600	0	-1,000
Meat Products	28,900	29,100	29,400	-200	-500
Dairy Products	4,200	4,100	4,200	100	0
Bakery Products	9,700	9,800	10,100	-100	-400
Malt Beverages	3,300	3,200	3,000	100	300
Textile Mill Products	3,700	3,700	4,100	0	-400
Apparal & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	54,100	54,500	57,300	-400	-3,200
Paper & Allied Products	24,600	24,400	24,900	200	-300
Printing & Publishing	72,600	72,500	73,400	100	-800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	34,500	34,500	34,900	0	-400
Chemicals & Allied Products	83,600	82,700	81,100	900	2,500
Petroleum & Coal Products	29,500	29,000	28,600	500	900
Petroleum Refining	26,200	25,800	25,500	400	700
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	40,900	40,600	41,100	300	-200
Leather & Leather Products	7,000	7,000	7,600	0	-600
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**6,009,100**	**5,982,500**	**5,849,500**	**26,600**	**159,600**
Mining	**179,600**	**177,100**	**173,900**	**2,500**	**5,700**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,900	9,800	9,900	100	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	169,700	167,300	164,000	2,400	5,700
Construction	**324,700**	**319,500**	**317,400**	**5,200**	**7,300**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**416,100**	**413,800**	**399,700**	**2,300**	**16,400**
Railroad Transportation	19,000	19,000	20,300	0	-1,300
Other Transportation	233,000	231,300	219,300	1,700	13,700
Transportation by Air	73,400	72,500	67,600	900	5,800
Communications	86,700	86,500	83,300	200	3,400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,400	77,000	76,800	400	600
Electric Services	40,800	40,500	41,300	300	-500
Gas Production & Distribution	27,500	27,400	27,200	100	300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,710,200**	**1,697,000**	**1,696,800**	**13,200**	**13,400**
Wholesale Trade	427,500	425,500	426,100	2,000	1,400
Retail Trade	1,282,700	1,271,500	1,270,700	11,200	12,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43 400	43,500	43,300	-100	100
General Merchandise Stores	174,000	172,500	174,500	1,500	-500
Food Stores	224,200	223,500	224,800	700	-600
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	136,300	135,500	139,000	800	-2,700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	82,900	83,400	83,100	-500	-200
Eating & Drinking Places	440,100	431,000	425,600	9,100	14,500
Other Retail Trade	181,800	182,100	180,400	-300	1,400
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**433,400**	**432,500**	**433,700**	**900**	**-300**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	133,200	133,100	134,700	100	-1,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	141,700	141,400	139,900	300	1,800
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	158,500	158,000	159,100	500	-600
Services	**1,669,700**	**1,656,800**	**1,614,000**	**12,900**	**55,700**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,600	85,200	87,000	1,400	-400
Personal Services	79,100	79,800	76,800	-700	2,300
Business & Repair Services	416,300	414,000	405,800	2,300	10,500
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	78,300	76,900	79,300	1,400	-1,000
Health Services	465,000	462,000	447,200	3,000	17,800
Educational Services	77,200	79,900	71,800	-2,700	5,400
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	151,600	148,700	140,900	2,900	10,700
Other Services & Miscellaneous	315,600	310,300	305,200	5,300	10,400
Total Government	**1,275,400**	**1,285,800**	**1,214,000**	**-10,400**	**61,400**
Federal Government	222,300	221,400	203,200	900	19,100
State Government	251,100	258,900	238,700	-7,800	12,400
Local Government	802,000	805,500	772,100	-3,500	29,900

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	June'90*	May '90**	June'89**	June'90*	May '90**	June'89**	June'90*	May '90**	June'89**	June'90*	May '90**	June'89**
		ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR	
TOTAL	**48,300**	**49,200**	**48,000**	**77,400**	**77,300**	**77,700**	**366,400**	**370,300**	**362,300**	**139,800**	**139,000**	**134,800**
Manufacturing	4,600	5,000	4,800	8,800	8,900	8,800	45,600	45,500	44,500	25,300	24,700	24,800
Mining	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,100	1,100	1,400	700	600	700	1,700	1,600	1,500
Construction	1,600	1,500	1,700	3,500	3,400	3,500	11,100	10,900	11,500	10,700	10,600	9,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,600	5,500	5,600	5,600	11,100	11,200	11,200	9,700	9,500	9,500
Trade	13,200	13,200	13,100	21,700	21,600	22,400	77,900	77,800	78,200	32,700	32,600	32,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,200	2,200	2,300	3,900	3,900	4,100	23,800	23,700	23,900	5,400	5,300	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,600	14,000	13,100	17,800	17,500	17,700	93,800	92,800	92,100	33,200	32,900	31,700
Government	8,900	9,100	8,900	15,100	15,300	14,200	102,400	107,800	100,200	21,100	21,800	20,200
		BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI	
TOTAL	**65,500**	**65,200**	**62,600**	**76,600**	**76,200**	**73,500**	**50,600**	**53,100**	**50,200**	**129,300**	**129,100**	**126,500**
Manufacturing	16,500	16,500	16,100	10,700	10,900	10,600	3,700	3,700	3,700	11,700	11,600	11,600
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,100	—	—	—	500	500	500	3,400	3,500	3,500
Construction	9,800	9,500	8,500	2,200	2,100	2,100	1,600	1,600	1,500	10,200	9,900	8,800
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	3,300	3,200	3,200	1,400	1,400	1,400	6,600	6,600	6,700
Trade	11,900	11,700	11,600	20,400	20,200	20,000	11,500	11,600	11,800	31,900	32,100	32,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,800	3,700	3,700	1,800	1,600	1,700	6,200	6,200	6,400
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,100	8,900	18,000	18,000	17,000	9,000	9,100	9,200	30,400	30,400	29,300
Government	11,500	11,900	11,100	18,200	18,100	16,900	21,100	23,600	20,400	28,900	28,800	28,100
		DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY	
TOTAL	**1,364.6**	**1,361.8**	**1,348.7**	**207,300**	**208,100**	**201,500**	**580,300**	**576,300**	**567,400**	**76,800**	**75,900**	**76,300**
Manufacturing	220.8	220.5	225.2	39,800	39,900	40,900	119,100	118,600	120,200	9,000	8,900	9,000
Mining	17.4	17.2	17.6	—	—	—	3,900	3,900	4,000	600	600	500
Construction	46.0	44.7	47.8	8,600	8,400	7,900	21,100	20,900	21,400	6,400	6,400	6,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	80.1	80.4	77.7	10,500	10,500	10,400	55,900	55,300	51,500	5,200	5,100	4,600
Trade	357.3	354.7	347.7	52,800	52,600	51,100	146,900	145,900	146,400	14,400	14,300	14,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	128.9	128.6	129.9	8,300	8,400	8,500	27,700	27,500	28,000	4,500	4,500	4,600
Services & Misc.	352.2	350.5	348.8	43,300	43,000	41,800	130,200	127,800	125,400	14,300	14,000	14,000
Government	161.9	165.2	154.0	44,000	45,300	40,900	75,500	76,400	70,500	22,400	22,100	22,800
		HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL	
TOTAL	**1,555.9**	**1,544.3**	**1,508.9**	**75,300**	**75,300**	**74,000**	**44,100**	**43,900**	**41,400**	**69,100**	**68,800**	**68,100**
Manufacturing	164.1	163.5	163.5	8,800	8,800	8,800	1,800	1,800	1,700	16,300	16,200	16,200
Mining	68.1	67.9	65.1	—	—	—	1,700	1,700	1,600	3,500	3,400	3,400
Construction	100.0	99.6	96.6	3,200	3,200	3,600	1,200	1,200	1,200	3,600	3,600	3,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	107.4	107.1	106.3	2,600	2,600	2,700	6,200	6,200	5,700	3,400	3,500	3,400
Trade	373.8	369.6	367.4	17,000	16,800	16,800	14,100	14,000	13,400	16,900	16,900	17,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	102.8	101.9	101.5	3,300	3,200	3,100	1,900	1,900	1,800	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	433.5	427.6	415.1	17,600	17,700	17,300	7,400	7,300	6,800	13,700	13,400	13,100
Government	206.2	207.1	193.4	22,800	23,000	21,700	9,800	9,800	9,200	9,000	9,100	9,000
		LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA	
TOTAL	**95,400**	**97,000**	**93,900**	**100,400**	**100,100**	**97,800**	**44,700**	**44,800**	**44,700**	**42,500**	**42,600**	**42,600**
Manufacturing	7,100	7,200	7,300	12,700	12,400	13,700	2,300	2,300	2,400	4,200	4,100	4,200
Mining	200	300	300	900	900	900	8,600	8,600	8,900	4,900	5,000	5,000
Construction	3,300	3,100	3,200	4,400	4,400	4,200	1,400	1,300	1,400	2,100	2,000	1,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,700	5,800	4,900	2,900	2,900	3,100	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	27,800	27,800	27,700	31,100	31,200	29,800	10,900	10,900	10,800	12,600	12,500	12,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,300	4,300	4,400	4,100	2,400	2,400	2,400	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	23,700	23,700	24,100	16,800	16,600	16,100	9,700	9,600	9,800	7,800	7,700	7,600
Government	22,200	23,700	21,100	27,300	27,300	25,900	7,100	7,400	6,700	7,500	7,900	7,800
		SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA	
TOTAL	**36,100**	**36,400**	**37,000**	**517,500**	**519,500**	**514,300**	**36,800**	**37,200**	**37,000**	**47,200**	**47,300**	**46,700**
Manufacturing	4,900	5,000	5,400	46,100	46,100	48,900	11,000	10,900	11,200	7,200	7,200	7,300
Mining	600	600	500	2,100	2,100	2,100	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,200	21,200	20,500	22,000	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,800	19,900	19,700	19,500	1,300	1,300	1,700	2,400	2,300	2,400
Trade	8,800	8,800	9,300	132,700	130,900	131,200	8,100	8,000	8,000	10,800	10,700	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	40,600	41,000	40,900	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,800	9,000	135,300	135,700	133,300	8,500	8,900	8,300	11,000	10,900	10,400
Government	7,700	7,800	7,100	119,600	123,500	116,400	4,300	4,500	4,200	12,400	12,800	12,400
		TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS	
TOTAL	**62,400**	**62,400**	**61,600**	**28,800**	**28,500**	**27,500**	**81,500**	**82,500**	**80,200**	**50,500**	**50,600**	**50,700**
Manufacturing	10,900	10,800	10,700	3,100	3,100	3,000	16,100	16,200	15,500	8,000	8,100	8,400
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,400	1,400	1,200	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,500
Construction	1,700	1,800	1,700	[illegible]	1,800	1,500	3,100	3,000	3,200	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,700	[illegible]	1,300	1,200	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	16,400	16,300	16,300	[illegible]	7,600	7,500	18,800	18,700	18,600	11,800	11,800	11,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,400	[illegible]	1,500	1,600	5,100	5,100	5,100	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	15,300	15,200	15,200	5,900	5,800	6,000	21,900	22,500	21,400	12,700	12,700	12,500
Government	10,100	10,300	9,900	5,900	6,000	5,500	13,000	13,500	13,000	10,100	10,100	10,000

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✛

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JUNE'90*	MAY'90	JUNE'89	JUNE'90*	MAY'90	JUNE'89	JUNE'90*	MAY'90	JUNE'89
				FOR TEXAS					
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 438.27	$ 431.80	$ 430.50	41.7	41.4	42.0	$ 10.51	$10.43	$10.25
Durable Goods	429.93	424.96	432.73	41.7	41.5	42.3	10.31	10.24	10.23
Lumber & Wood Products	313.30	308.02	306.59	42.8	41.4	43.0	7.32	7.44	7.13
Furniture & Fixtures	266.94	266.08	266.06	38.8	38.9	37.9	6.88	6.84	7.02
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	421.63	414.50	402.59	43.2	42.6	42.2	9.76	9.73	9.54
Primary Metal Industries	499.02	495.03	450.58	44.2	43.5	41.3	11.29	11.38	10.91
Fabricated Metal Products	396.16	394.38	390.13	42.1	42.0	43.3	9.41	9.39	9.01
Machinery, exc. Electric	423.95	418.74	414.12	42.1	41.5	42.0	10.07	10.09	9.86
Oil Field Machinery	519.37	503.44	493.55	45.8	44.2	43.6	11.34	11.39	11.32
Electric & Electronic Equip.	491.67	467.57	509.92	40.6	40.8	42.6	12.11	11.46	11.97
Transportation Equipment	537.66	543.30	580.32	41.2	41.6	43.6	13.05	13.06	13.31
Instruments & Related Prod.	413.06	406.72	399.33	41.1	41.0	40.5	10.05	9.92	9.86
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	289.52	289.89	279.69	38.5	38.6	38.9	7.52	7.51	7.19
Nondurable Goods	447.20	440.91	427.23	41.6	41.4	41.6	10.75	10.65	10.27
Food & Kindred Products	360.80	352.70	355.74	42.1	41.3	42.3	8.57	8.54	8.41
Meat Products	272.77	270.76	265.82	41.9	41.4	41.6	6.51	6.54	6.39
Malt Beverages	934.80	838.35	985.40	49.2	45.0	52.0	19.00	18.63	18.95
Textile Mill Products	332.63	324.70	331.82	42.7	42.5	44.6	7.79	7.64	7.44
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	217.14	221.26	205.67	38.5	39.3	38.3	5.64	5.63	5.37
Paper & Allied Products	486.92	487.73	490.16	42.9	43.2	44.0	11.35	11.29	11.14
Printing & Publishing	416.24	410.74	401.25	40.1	39.8	39.3	10.38	10.32	10.21
Chemicals & Allied Products	700.71	699.27	691.93	42.7	42.9	43.3	16.41	16.30	15.98
Petroleum & Coal Products	787.39	750.14	722.99	46.1	44.1	45.3	17.08	17.01	15.96
Petroleum Refining	819.13	776.16	749.87	46.2	44.0	45.2	17.73	17.64	16.59
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	389.38	388.23	365.43	41.6	41.7	42.1	9.36	9.31	8.68
Leather & Leather Products	255.19	247.50	237.29	39.2	37.5	38.9	6.51	6.60	6.10
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	615.10	587.88	521.26	44.8	43.1	39.7	13.73	13.64	13.13
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	574.84	564.74	541.55	49.3	47.9	45.7	11.66	11.79	11.85
Oil & Gas Extraction	617.16	589.26	520.73	44.4	42.7	39.3	13.90	13.80	13.25
Communications	520.70	517.80	513.02	39.9	39.8	39.8	13.05	13.01	12.89
Elec., Gas & San. Services	559.30	551.20	499.39	42.5	42.4	40.9	13.16	13.00	12.21
Wholesale & Retail Trade	244.42	240.75	238.59	33.3	32.8	33.0	7.34	7.34	7.23
Wholesale Trade	420.69	415.67	410.80	39.8	39.4	39.5	10.57	10.55	10.40
Retail Trade	190.93	188.19	186.31	31.3	30.8	31.0	6.10	6.11	6.01
General Merchandise Stores	191.58	185.70	184.21	30.9	30.0	30.1	6.20	6.19	6.12
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	278.02	281.09	278.62	36.2	36.6	37.6	7.68	7.68	7.41

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 442.05	$ 436.81	$ 438.84	41.9	41.8	42.4	$ 10.55	$ 10.45	$ 10.35
Durable Goods	464.82	458.55	475.58	41.8	41.8	43.0	11.12	10.97	11.06
Nondurable Goods	402.78	398.65	377.65	42.0	41.7	41.5	9.59	9.56	9.10
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	457.32	467.87	454.30	41.2	41.7	41.3	11.10	11.22	11.00
Durable Goods	483.30	494.81	477.57	41.7	42.4	41.6	11.59	11.67	11.48
Nondurable Goods	399.20	407.42	401.13	40.0	40.1	40.6	9.98	10.16	9.88
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	536.15	522.00	512.46	44.2	43.5	43.8	12.13	12.00	11.70
Durable Goods	459.07	449.68	428.65	44.7	44.0	44.1	10.27	10.22	9.72
Nondurable Goods	628.58	609.18	618.57	43.5	42.9	43.5	14.45	14.20	14.22
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	311.20	319.76	304.50	40.0	41.1	40.6	7.78	7.78	7.50
Durable Goods	333.08	349.76	332.07	39.7	41.1	40.3	8.39	8.51	8.24
Nondurable Goods	289.26	289.76	278.53	40.4	41.1	40.9	7.16	7.05	6.81

✛Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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jobs in Industrial Machinery and Equipment, which was offset by a loss of 500 in Transportation Equipment. Furniture and Fixtures was down by 300, while Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment lost 200 jobs. Smaller gains occurred in Stone, Clay and Glass Products, Primary Metal Industries and Fabricated Metal Industries, each up by 200. Smaller losses occurred in Instruments and Related Products and in Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries to offset the gains.

Average Weekly Earnings Increase

For the estimated 625,500 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings increased eight cents from May to June 1990. Average Weekly Hours were up by three-tenths of an hour, as Average Weekly Earnings increased by $6.47 over the month.

The largest gain in Average Weekly Earnings was in Nondurable Goods, up by $6.29. The highest increases within Nondurables were found in Petroleum and Coal Products, where Petroleum Refining was up by $42.97.

The largest gain in Average Weekly Earnings in Durable Goods occurred in Electric and Electronic Equipment, which increased by $24.10.

In mid-June a worker, on average, was earning $10.51 per hour for a 41.7-hour week, and making $438.27 in weekly earnings.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	June'90	June'89
Total Population	17,132,100*	16,978,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	1.6
UI Covered Employers	313,881	310,153
Total Claims Actions	501,883	518,763
Total Initial Claims Actions	58,189	61,066
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	443,694	457,697
Total Placements	41,845	44,214
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$158.49	$156.13
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$59,758,114	$59,135,269

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Abilene	$1,087,106
Amarillo	1,829,122
Austin	7,713,356
Beaumont-Port Arthur	5,004,416
Brazoria	1,444,434
Brownsville-Harlingen	2,892,372
Bryan-College Station	609,475
Corpus Christi	2,978,358
Dallas	32,307,516
El Paso	8,198,511
Fort Worth-Arlington	18,623,119
Galveston-Texas City	3,089,262
Houston	32,269,058
Killeen-Temple	2,478,399
Laredo	1,104,327
Longview-Marshall	1,924,052
Lubbock	1,471,775
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5,122,540
Midland	1,102,840
Odessa	1,166,485
San Angelo	1,003,130
San Antonio	15,492,242
Sherman-Denison	1,055,873
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	698,385
Tyler	1,565,160
Victoria	508,318
Waco	1,963,290
Wichita Falls	1,566,226
State of Texas	197,244,525

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TEXAS NONFARM JOBS DECLINE IN JULY

Jobless Rate Is Unchanged in July

The actual Texas unemployment rate remained unchanged between June and July, at 6.3 percent. This rate was still almost a full percentage point below the 7.2 percent recorded in July 1989. The number of jobless Texans dropped over the month, to 537,600—down by almost 80,000 from the July 1989 total. Total employment declined slightly over the month, to an estimated 7,990,300 in mid-July. Although July employment in the State fell moderately from June's record high, the current estimate of job-holders was moderately above the year-ago level.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate rose from 5.6 percent in June to 6.2 percent in July—still well below the 7.0 percent recorded in July 1989. The U. S. rates in both series increased over the month, with the seasonally adjusted rate rising from 5.2 percent to 5.5 percent and the actual National rate up from 5.3 percent to 5.5 percent in July. Current rates in both series were above the 5.3 percent registered a year earlier.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Decline Seasonally

There were 20,800 fewer Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas during July compared to June, as total **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** totaled 6,935,400 in mid-July. Despite the over-the-month decrease, the number of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs had risen by close to 130,000 during the past year.

Most of the July cutbacks were seasonal in nature, as local schools and colleges released staff for the summer. In fact, **Government** alone sustained the loss of more than 32,000 jobs over the month, primarily within the Local Government sector.

Had it not been for moderate, scattered job gains within the other Nonmanufacturing segments, the July downturn would have been even greater. The largest of the increases was in **Services**, which advanced by almost 5,000 jobs in July. Two sectors were primarily

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	July'90	June '90	July'89
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	126,899.0	126,307.0	126,238.0
Unemployment	6,945.0	6,702.0	6,736.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.5%**	**5.3%**	**5.3%**
Total Employment	119,954.0	119,605.0	119,502.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,767.0	124,836.0	124,013.0
Unemployment	6,814.0	6,447.0	6,577.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.5%**	**5.2%**	**5.3%**
Total Employment	117,953.0	118,389.0	117,436.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,527.9	8,548.8	8,583.0
Unemployment	537.6	539.1	616.3
Percent Unemployed	**6.3%**	**6.3%**	**7.2%**
Total Employment	7,990.3	8,009.7	7,966.7
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,371.0	8,452.0	8,406.0
Unemployment	518.0	473.0	585.0
Percent Unemployed	**6.2%**	**5.6%**	**7.0%**
Total Employment	7,853.0	7,979.0	7,821.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	JULY'90*	JUNE'90**	JULY'89**	JULY'90*	JUNE'90**	JULY'89**	JULY'90*	JUNE'90**	JULY'89**
	ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,400	51,700	52,900	97,900	98,400	100,000	429,500	435,200	435,700
Total Unemployment	4,200	3,200	3,800	5,300	5,300	5,900	21,100	21,400	26,700
Percent Unemployed	**8.0%**	**6.2%**	**7.2%**	**5.4%**	**5.4%**	**5.9%**	**4.9%**	**4.9%**	**6.1%**
Total Employment ++	48,200	48,500	49,100	92,600	93,100	94,100	408,400	413,800	409,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			**BRAZORIA**			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	166,000	166,400	166,700	87,900	88,200	87,000	109,400	110,000	106,300
Total Unemployment	13,000	13,300	16,300	5,200	4,800	6,600	12,700	12,700	13,300
Percent Unemployed	**7.8%**	**8.0%**	**9.8%**	**5.9%**	**5.4%**	**7.6%**	**11.6%**	**11.5%**	**12.5%**
Total Employment ++	153,000	153,100	150,400	82,700	83,400	80,400	96,700	97,300	93,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			**CORPUS CHRISTI**			**DALLAS*** **		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,800	59,300	60,500	159,500	159,600	161,100	1,458.6	1,457.2	1,471.4
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,300	3,000	11,300	11,200	14,300	77.6	77.6	87.3
Percent Unemployed	**3.8%**	**3.9%**	**5.0%**	**7.1%**	**7.0%**	**8.9%**	**5.3%**	**5.3%**	**5.9%**
Total Employment ++	58,500	57,000	57,500	148,200	148,400	146,800	1,381.0	1,379.6	1,384.1
	EL PASO			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	256,700	257,200	255,000	739,200	742,400	740,100	113,900	113,700	114,600
Total Unemployment	27,400	27,600	27,500	39,700	42,500	43,500	8,300	8,300	8,900
Percent Unemployed	**10.7%**	**10.7%**	**10.8%**	**5.4%**	**5.7%**	**5.9%**	**7.3%**	**7.3%**	**7.8%**
Total Employment ++	229,300	229,600	227,500	699,500	699,900	696,600	105,600	105,400	105,700
	HOUSTON* **			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,728.3	1,723.3	1,721.4	100,400	101,300	100,100	53,600	53,600	52,400
Total Unemployment	94.9	93.7	110.5	6,800	7,200	7,800	5,100	5,400	6,000
Percent Unemployed	**5.5%**	**5.4%**	**6.4%**	**6.8%**	**7.1%**	**7.8%**	**9.5%**	**10.1%**	**11.5%**
Total Employment ++	1,633.4	1,629.6	1,610.9	93,600	94,100	92,300	48,500	48,200	46,400
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			**LUBBOCK**			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	81,300	81,100	82,700	115,600	114,700	117,100	155,900	162,300	152,400
Total Unemployment	5,900	5,900	7,500	6,300	6,300	7,200	25,200	25,600	25,300
Percent Unemployed	**7.3%**	**7.3%**	**9.1%**	**5.4%**	**5.5%**	**6.1%**	**16.2%**	**15.8%**	**16.6%**
Total Employment ++	75,400	75,200	75,200	109,300	108,400	109,900	130,700	136,700	127,100
	MIDLAND			**ODESSA**			**SAN ANGELO**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,500	49,500	50,700	51,400	51,100	53,200	44,300	44,800	46,200
Total Unemployment	2,900	2,800	3,500	3,400	3,500	4,900	2,600	2,800	2,700
Percent Unemployed	**5.9%**	**5.7%**	**6.9%**	**6.6%**	**6.8%**	**9.2%**	**5.9%**	**6.3%**	**5.8%**
Total Employment ++	46,600	46,700	47,200	48,000	47,600	48,300	41,700	42,000	43,500
	SAN ANTONIO			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	615,600	618,300	624,700	47,100	47,100	48,000	57,500	58,000	58,800
Total Unemployment	45,300	44,700	49,900	2,500	2,500	3,000	3,900	3,700	4,400
Percent Unemployed	**7.4%**	**7.2%**	**8.0%**	**5.3%**	**5.3%**	**6.3%**	**6.8%**	**6.4%**	**7.5%**
Total Employment ++	570,300	573,600	574,800	44,600	44,600	45,000	53,600	54,300	54,400
	TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,400	75,500	77,100	37,100	36,600	36,300	93,900	95,800	94,300
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,800	5,900	2,000	1,800	2,400	6,000	6,900	5,900
Percent Unemployed	**6.4%**	**6.4%**	**7.7%**	**5.4%**	**4.9%**	**6.6%**	**6.4%**	**7.2%**	**6.3%**
Total Employment ++	70,600	70,700	71,200	35,100	34,800	33,900	87,900	88,900	88,400
	WICHITA FALLS						**STATE OF TEXAS*** **		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,300	56,800	57,900				8,527.9	8,548.8	8,583.0
Total Unemployment	3,600	3,800	3,800				537.6	539.1	616.3
Percent Unemployed	**6.4%**	**6.7%**	**6.6%**				**6.3%**	**6.3%**	**7.2%**
Total Employment ++	52,700	53,000	54,100				7,990.3	8,009.7	7,966.7

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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responsible for this growth. Health Services recorded 1,700 additions, with expansion in hospitals and the hiring of temporary summer help. The "Other Services" category gained 2,000 jobs as summer outdoor activities sponsored by nonprofit organizations were underway. Smaller gains were also noted in Business and Repair Services and in Personal Services.

Almost every sector of Transportation, other than Railroads, expanded in July, pushing the total for **Transportation and Public Utilities** up by 3,400. Seasonal increases were most significant in water transportation, trucking and warehousing, and in air transportation.

The 2,400 jobs added in **Construction** over the month pushed this category to its highest level since October 1988 (see **Graph** below). Although many of these jobs were seasonal, it does appear that this industry is beginning to pull out of its long, deep downturn. Only moderate growth, however, is anticipated through 1990.

Wholesale and Retail Trade reached its highest point thus far this year with the addition of 2,300 jobs in July. The bulk of the over-the-month increase was concentrated in General Merchandise Stores, where the opening of several new stores by a large merchandising chain generated new jobs. Partially offsetting the growth generated in that sector was the loss of 900 jobs in Eating and Drinking Places, which normally begins a seasonal decline during the month of July.

The Oil and Gas Extraction portion of **Mining** also produced a noteable gain in July, pushing this category to its highest level since October 1988. The 5,400 jobs added in Oil and Gas Extraction between January and July 1990 accounted for almost all of the over-the-year growth.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate was down by 500 over the month, and had declined by 800 over the year. Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate carried most of the loss with a decrease of 600 from June to July. A smaller decrease of 100 occurred in Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers. The only gain in F.I.R.E. was in Depository Institutions, including Banks, which went up by 200.

Manufacturing, as a whole, decreased over the month by 1,800, with a 1,500 loss in **Durable Goods**. Defense-related cutbacks in Aircraft and Parts, a sector of Transportation Equipment, caused a decrease of 1,200. Other losses in Durables were found in Lumber and Wood Products; Stone, Clay and Glass Products and Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment, all down by 300 over the month. Increases were seen in Oil and Gas Field Machinery, which is within Industrial Machinery and Equipment. Gains of 100 each were noted in Primary Metal Industries, Fabricated Structural Metal Products (under

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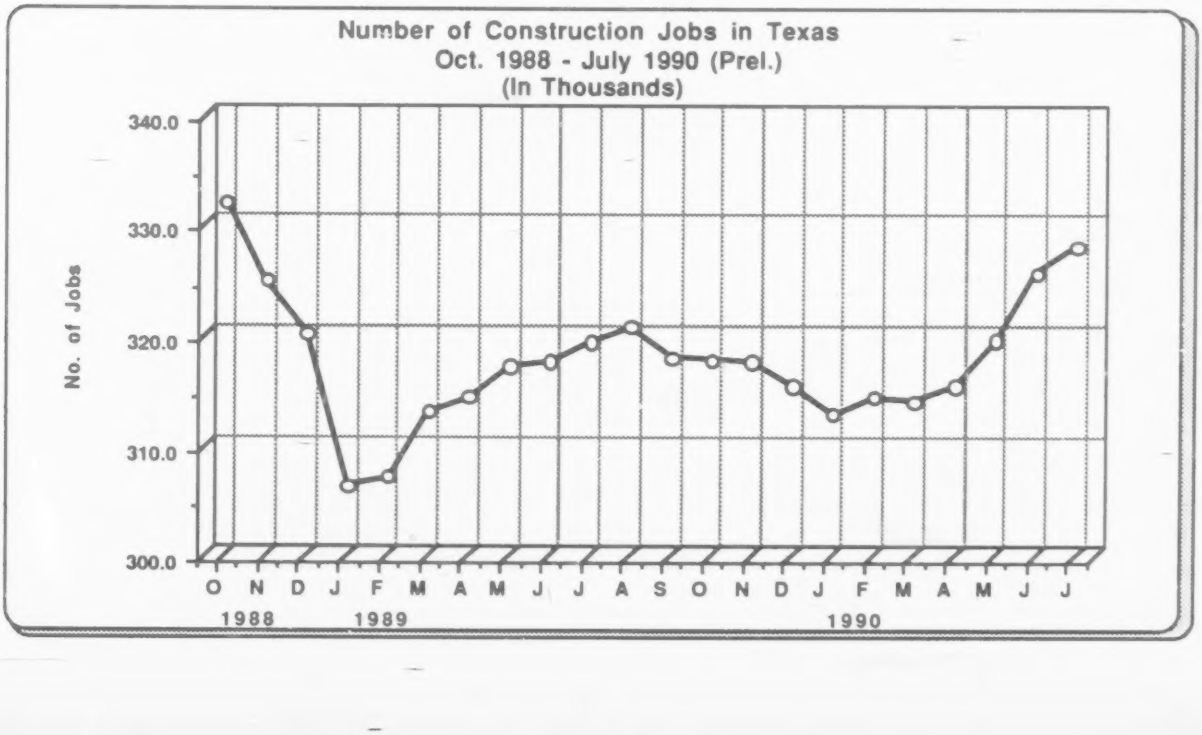

Number of Construction Jobs in Texas
Oct. 1988 - July 1990 (Prel.)
(In Thousands)

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	July '90*	June '90**	July '89**	Chg. from June '90	Chg. from July '89
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,935,400**	**6,956,200**	**6,805,800**	**-20,800**	**129,600**
MANUFACTURING	**963,400**	**965,200**	**973,900**	**-1,800**	**-10,500**
Durable Goods	**551,100**	**552,600**	**560,100**	**-1,500**	**-9,000**
Lumber & Wood Products	30,500	30,800	30,400	-300	100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,900	7,000	6,800	-100	100
Furniture & Fixtures	16,100	16,100	15,900	0	200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	35,500	35,800	37,200	-300	-1,700
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,900	15,000	16,500	-100	-1,600
Primary Metal Industries	29,100	29,000	29,500	100	-400
Fabricated Metal Industries	78,100	78,100	77,800	0	300
Fabr. Structural Metal Prod.	37,400	37,300	37,300	100	100
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	108,300	108,300	108,300	0	0
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	24,100	23,900	23,300	200	800
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	104,700	105,000	107,700	-300	-3,000
Transportation Equipment	96,600	97,300	100,300	-700	-3,700
Aircraft & Parts	69,700	70,900	72,000	-1,200	-2,300
Instruments & Related Prod.	36,600	36,700	37,400	-100	-800
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,600	15,500	15,600	100	0
Nondurable Goods	**412,300**	**412,600**	**413,800**	**-300**	**-1,500**
Food & Kindred Products	96,500	96,100	96,200	400	300
Meat Products	29,200	28,800	29,400	400	-200
Dairy Products	4,200	4,200	4,200	0	0
Bakery Products	[illegible]	9,800	10,100	0	-300
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,300	3,000	-100	200
Textile Mill Products	3,700	3,700	4,100	0	-400
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	53,300	54,100	56,800	-800	-3,500
Paper & Allied Products	24,600	24,600	24,800	0	-200
Printing & Publishing	72,600	72,700	73,500	-100	-900
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	34,700	34,600	35,200	100	-500
Chemicals & Allied Products	84,300	84,000	81,100	300	3,200
Petroleum & Coal Products	29,600	29,500	28,500	100	1,100
Petroleum Refining	26,300	26,200	25,400	100	900
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	40,700	40,800	41,200	-100	-500
Leather & Leather Products	7,000	7,000	7,600	0	-600
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,972,000**	**5,991,000**	**5,831,900**	**-19,000**	**140,100**
Mining	**180,000**	**179,000**	**174,400**	**1,000**	**5,600**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,800	9,700	9,800	100	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	170,200	169,300	164,600	900	5,600
Construction	**327,900**	**325,500**	**319,300**	**2,400**	**8,600**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**419,700**	**416,300**	**401,900**	**3,400**	**17,800**
Railroad Transportation	18,900	18,900	20,200	0	-1,300
Other Transportation	236,200	233,000	221,400	3,200	14,800
Transportation by Air	74,400	73,500	67,900	900	6,500
Communications	87,000	87,000	83,300	0	3,700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,600	77,400	77,000	200	600
Electric Services	40,900	40,800	41,200	100	-300
Gas Production & Distribution	27,500	27,500	27,400	0	100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,712,100**	**1,709,800**	**1,692,800**	**2,300**	**19,300**
Wholesale Trade	428,900	427,800	427,500	1,100	1,400
Retail Trade	1,283,200	1,282,000	1,265,300	1,200	17,900
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,200	43,300	42,700	-100	500
General Merchandise Stores	176,000	174,300	174,400	1,700	1,600
Food Stores	224,000	223,800	224,400	200	-400
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	136,800	136,700	138,300	100	-1,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,200	83,100	84,200	100	-1,000
Eating & Drinking Places	437,900	438,800	422,400	-900	15,500
Other Retail Trade	182,100	182,000	178,900	100	3,200
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**433,600**	**434,100**	**434,400**	**-500**	**-800**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	133,600	133,400	134,800	200	-1,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	141,900	142,000	140,200	-100	1,700
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	158,100	158,700	159,400	-600	-1,300
Services	**1,677,200**	**1,672,300**	**1,623,800**	**4,900**	**53,400**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,300	86,400	86,400	-100	-100
Personal Services	80,000	79,600	76,100	400	3,900
Business & Repair Services	417,900	417,100	412,800	800	5,100
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	79,000	78,900	79,400	100	-400
Health Services	467,100	465,400	447,800	1,700	19,300
Educational Services	78,100	78,100	72,200	0	5,900
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	151,400	151,400	141,300	0	10,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	317,400	315,400	307,800	2,000	9,600
Total Government	**1,221,500**	**1,254,000**	**1,185,300**	**-32,500**	**36,200**
Federal Government	213,200	213,200	202,500	0	10,700
State Government	251,900	252,400	242,200	-500	9,700
Local Government	756,400	788,400	740,600	-32,000	15,800

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'90*	June '90**	July'89**	July'90*	June '90**	July'89**	July'90*	June '90**	July'89**	July'90*	June '90**	July'89**
		ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**			**BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR**	
TOTAL	**47,600**	**48,200**	**47,300**	**76,700**	**77,300**	**76,400**	**361,700**	**366,900**	**356,500**	**139,300**	**139,700**	**134,800**
Manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,800	8,700	8,700	8,800	45,700	45,500	44,600	25,100	25,300	24,800
Mining	1,400	1,500	1,500	1,100	1,100	1,300	600	700	700	1,700	1,700	1,500
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,600	3,500	3,500	11,200	11,100	11,400	10,700	10,700	9,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,600	5,500	5,600	5,500	11,100	11,100	11,100	9,700	9,700	9,600
Trade	13,200	13,200	13,100	21,800	21,900	22,200	78,100	78,000	78,700	32,900	32,600	32,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,200	2,200	2,300	3,900	3,900	4,100	24,100	24,000	23,900	5,400	5,400	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,500	13,600	13,000	17,900	17,800	17,600	94,100	93,800	92,400	33,300	33,200	31,900
Government	8,400	8,800	8,400	14,200	14,800	13,400	96,800	102,700	93,700	20,500	21,100	19,600
		BRAZORIA			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**			**BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION**			**CORPUS CHRISTI**	
TOTAL	**64,700**	**65,500**	**61,800**	**75,300**	**76,700**	**72,600**	**51,700**	**50,500**	**49,700**	**129,700**	**129,700**	**127,200**
Manufacturing	16,600	16,500	16,200	10,900	10,900	10,500	3,800	3,700	3,800	11,900	11,700	11,400
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,100	—	—	—	500	500	500	3,300	3,400	3,400
Construction	9,700	9,900	8,100	2,200	2,200	2,200	1,700	1,700	1,500	10,300	10,500	9,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,500	1,500	1,300	6,700	6,600	6,800
Trade	11,900	11,900	11,500	20,300	20,400	19,800	11,600	11,500	11,200	32,200	32,100	32,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,800	3,800	3,600	1,700	1,800	1,700	6,200	6,200	6,400
Services & Misc.	9,200	9,300	8,800	18,200	18,400	17,100	9,500	9,200	9,200	30,600	30,600	30,000
Government	10,800	11,400	10,700	16,700	17,800	16,200	21,400	20,600	20,500	28,500	28,600	27,400
		DALLAS ***			**EL PASO**			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**	
TOTAL	**1,363.3**	**1,365.5**	**1,345.9**	**206,700**	**207,500**	**202,000**	**578,100**	**580,100**	**566,300**	**76,700**	**76,800**	**76,300**
Manufacturing	221.6	221.3	225.9	39,700	39,800	42,100	117,200	119,700	120,200	8,900	9,000	9,000
Mining	17.5	17.4	17.6	—	—	—	4,000	3,900	3,900	600	600	500
Construction	46.8	46.1	48.8	8,400	8,400	8,400	21,300	21,200	21,600	6,400	6,400	6,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	80.5	80.2	78.0	10,900	10,500	10,400	56,200	55,900	52,300	5,400	5,200	4,800
Trade	358.2	358.0	346.5	53,300	53,200	51,300	147,300	147,200	145,900	14,400	14,400	14,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	128.7	128.8	130.7	8,500	8,300	8,500	27,800	27,900	28,000	4,600	4,500	4,700
Services & Misc.	352.3	351.3	349.8	43,700	43,300	41,900	130,000	129,900	126,500	14,300	14,300	14,200
Government	157.7	162.4	148.6	42,200	44,000	39,400	74,300	74,400	67,900	22,100	22,400	22,500
		HOUSTON ***			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**			**LONGVIEW-MARSHALL**	
TOTAL	**1,557.4**	**1,557.5**	**1,507.5**	**74,700**	**75,400**	**73,600**	**44,300**	**44,200**	**41,800**	**68,900**	**69,100**	**67,500**
Manufacturing	165.4	164.6	163.7	9,000	8,800	8,900	1,800	1,800	1,600	16,400	16,400	16,200
Mining	68.9	68.2	65.0	—	—	—	1,700	1,700	1,600	3,500	3,500	3,500
Construction	102.1	101.0	97.1	3,200	3,200	3,400	1,200	1,200	1,200	3,700	3,600	3,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	108.1	107.5	107.0	2,600	2,600	2,700	6,100	6,200	5,800	3,400	3,400	3,400
Trade	374.8	375.0	368.8	16,900	17,000	16,800	14,300	14,100	13,700	17,000	17,000	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	102.8	102.8	101.3	3,300	3,300	3,100	1,900	1,900	1,800	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	436.6	434.0	417.6	17,500	17,700	17,300	7,400	7,400	7,000	13,700	13,600	13,000
Government	198.7	204.4	187.0	22,200	22,800	21,400	9,900	9,900	9,100	8,500	8,900	8,600
		LUBBOCK			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**			**MIDLAND**			**ODESSA**	
TOTAL	**95,800**	**95,400**	**94,800**	**98,500**	**100,200**	**94,100**	**44,800**	**44,700**	**44,100**	**42,600**	**42,400**	**42,000**
Manufacturing	7,200	7,100	7,200	12,500	12,800	13,100	2,300	2,300	2,400	4,200	4,200	4,100
Mining	200	200	300	900	900	900	8,600	8,600	8,800	4,900	4,900	5,100
Construction	3,600	3,300	3,400	4,700	4,400	4,200	1,400	1,400	1,300	2,100	2,000	1,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,500	5,600	4,900	2,900	2,900	3,100	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	28,200	27,900	27,800	31,300	31,100	29,300	11,000	11,100	10,800	12,800	12,700	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,500	4,300	4,300	4,100	2,400	2,400	2,400	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	23,800	23,800	23,800	16,600	16,800	15,800	9,800	9,700	9,700	7,800	7,800	7,600
Government	21,900	22,100	21,900	25,300	27,000	23,600	7,000	6,900	6,400	7,400	7,400	7,300
		SAN ANGELO			**SAN ANTONIO**			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**	
TOTAL	**35,800**	**36,100**	**36,600**	**512,800**	**517,300**	**509,300**	**36,500**	**36,500**	**36,700**	**46,000**	**47,200**	**45,900**
Manufacturing	5,000	4,900	5,500	46,000	46,100	48,800	10,900	10,900	11,100	7,100	7,200	7,200
Mining	600	600	500	2,200	2,100	2,200	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,200	21,400	21,300	21,800	1,700	1,600	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,800	19,900	19,800	19,700	1,300	1,300	1,600	2,400	2,400	2,400
Trade	8,800	8,800	9,100	132,800	132,600	130,000	8,100	8,100	8,000	10,900	10,800	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	40,500	40,800	41,100	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,700	9,100	135,400	135,200	133,800	8,500	8,400	8,300	10,900	11,000	10,400
Government	7,300	7,700	6,900	114,600	119,400	111,900	4,100	4,300	4,100	11,300	12,400	11,600
		TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**			**WICHITA FALLS**	
TOTAL	**62,100**	**62,300**	**61,300**	**28,600**	**28,500**	**27,200**	**80,400**	**81,500**	**79,300**	**50,000**	**50,400**	**50,500**
Manufacturing	11,100	10,900	10,900	3,100	3,100	3,000	15,800	16,000	15,500	8,000	8,000	8,500
Mining	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,200	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,500
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,700	2,000	2,000	1,500	3,200	3,100	3,100	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	16,400	16,400	16,200	7,800	7,700	7,500	18,800	18,800	18,600	11,800	11,800	11,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,500	1,500	1,500	1,600	5,100	5,100	5,100	2,400	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	15,500	15,300	15,400	5,800	5,900	6,000	22,000	22,100	21,600	12,600	12,700	12,500
Government	9,500	10,000	9,100	5,600	5,500	5,100	12,000	12,900	12,000	9,600	10,000	9,600

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✚

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JULY'90*	JUNE'90	JULY'89	JULY'90*	JUNE'90	JULY'89	JULY'90*	JUNE'90	JULY'89
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 437.37	$ 439.52	$ 428.06	41.3	41.7	41.6	$ 10.59	$10.54	$10.29
Durable Goods	427.44	432.01	427.20	41.1	41.7	41.8	10.40	10.36	10.22
Lumber & Wood Products	313.22	320.89	309.16	42.1	42.9	43.3	7.44	7.48	7.14
Furniture & Fixtures	263.65	262.51	272.38	38.1	38.1	38.8	6.92	6.89	7.02
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	418.76	420.54	415.81	42.6	43.0	43.0	9.83	9.78	9.67
Primary Metal Industries	506.53	501.72	448.62	44.2	44.4	41.5	11.46	11.30	10.81
Fabricated Metal Products	399.31	396.26	388.76	42.3	42.2	43.1	9.44	9.39	9.02
Machinery, exc. Electric	424.76	426.54	409.94	41.0	41.9	41.2	10.36	10.18	9.95
Oil Field Machinery	511.21	517.11	491.63	45.2	45.4	43.7	11.31	11.39	11.25
Electric & Electronic Equip.	467.65	483.44	491.21	39.8	40.9	40.9	11.75	11.82	12.01
Transportation Equipment	537.32	545.20	561.04	40.4	40.9	42.6	13.30	13.33	13.17
Instruments & Related Prod.	403.39	414.70	391.60	39.9	41.1	40.0	10.11	10.09	9.79
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	283.13	286.46	282.65	37.7	38.4	38.3	7.51	7.46	7.38
Nondurable Goods	449.70	448.93	430.15	41.6	41.8	41.4	10.81	10.74	10.39
Food & Kindred Products	356.14	362.50	351.12	41.8	42.2	41.9	8.52	8.59	8.38
Meat Products	275.14	272.48	263.57	42.2	41.6	40.8	6.52	6.55	6.46
Malt Beverages	944.28	934.80	906.29	48.8	49.2	47.8	19.35	19.00	18.96
Textile Mill Products	319.55	332.63	320.57	41.5	42.7	42.8	7.70	7.79	7.49
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	212.80	217.32	199.72	38.0	38.6	37.4	5.60	5.63	5.34
Paper & Allied Products	487.46	493.73	496.57	43.1	43.5	44.1	11.31	11.35	11.26
Printing & Publishing	418.70	416.70	405.82	39.8	40.3	39.4	10.52	10.34	10.30
Chemicals & Allied Products	704.16	699.78	712.50	43.2	42.8	44.2	16.30	16.35	16.12
Petroleum & Coal Products	811.37	806.05	733.41	46.9	47.0	45.3	17.30	17.15	16.19
Petroleum Refining	846.30	838.74	761.95	47.2	47.2	45.3	17.93	17.77	16.82
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	396.98	393.21	361.32	41.7	42.1	41.2	9.52	9.34	8.77
Leather & Leather Products	252.59	252.07	234.78	39.1	38.9	38.3	6.46	6.48	6.13
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	614.66	616.45	526.80	44.8	44.8	40.0	13.72	13.76	13.17
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	593.54	579.65	562.40	50.3	49.5	47.3	11.80	11.71	11.89
Oil & Gas Extraction	617.22	619.44	524.56	44.5	44.5	39.5	13.87	13.92	13.28
Communications	550.37	541.58	521.88	41.6	41.5	40.9	13.23	13.05	12.76
Elec., Gas & San. Services	568.34	561.15	522.47	42.7	43.0	41.4	13.31	13.05	12.62
Wholesale & Retail Trade	245.82	244.35	242.88	33.4	33.2	33.5	7.36	7.36	7.25
Wholesale Trade	423.74	423.34	421.45	39.9	39.9	40.1	10.62	10.61	10.51
Retail Trade	192.47	191.24	188.69	31.5	31.3	31.5	6.11	6.11	5.99
General Merchandise Stores	192.50	188.80	189.10	31.3	30.5	31.0	6.15	6.19	6.10
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	295.66	276.53	299.69	38.1	36.1	39.8	7.76	7.66	7.53

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 435.34	$ 439.53	$ 437.64	41.5	41.9	42.0	$ 10.49	$ 10.49	$ 10.42
Durable Goods	456.09	460.64	474.22	41.5	41.8	42.8	10.99	11.02	11.08
Nondurable Goods	400.06	401.82	374.22	41.5	41.9	40.5	9.64	9.59	9.24
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	454.01	457.56	449.49	40.5	41.0	40.9	11.21	11.16	10.99
Durable Goods	475.38	482.31	469.77	40.7	41.4	41.1	11.68	11.65	11.43
Nondurable Goods	408.24	401.40	402.79	40.3	40.1	40.4	10.13	10.01	9.97
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	535.48	536.59	515.68	44.0	44.2	44.0	12.17	12.14	11.72
Durable Goods	452.61	460.41	429.88	43.9	44.7	44.0	10.31	10.30	9.77
Nondurable Goods	633.60	628.71	622.60	44.0	43.6	44.0	14.40	14.42	14.15
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	312.44	316.33	298.54	39.6	40.4	39.7	7.89	7.83	7.52
Durable Goods	340.16	344.66	322.97	39.6	40.5	39.1	8.59	8.51	8.26
Nondurable Goods	284.65	287.74	274.57	39.7	40.3	40.2	7.17	7.14	6.83

✚Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

Fabricated Metal Industries), and in Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

Nondurables were down by 300 over the month, compared to a loss of 1,500 since July 1989. Reductions in force by leading manufacturers of men's and boys' clothing caused a significant decline of 800 in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products. Smaller losses occurred in both Printing and Publishing and Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products. An increase of 400 was found in Meat Products, a division of Food and Kindred Products. Chemicals and Allied Products were up by 300. Smaller increases occurred in Newspapers, Periodicals, Books and Miscellaneous (under Printing and Publishing) and in Petroleum Refining.

Average Weekly Earnings Decrease

For the estimated 626,300 Texas Manufacturing Production workers, Average Hourly Earnings increased by five cents from June to July 1990. Average Weekly Hours were down by four-tenths of an hour, as Average Weekly Earnings decreased by $2.15 over the month. However, this was $9.31 above the July 1989 level of $428.06 per week.

In mid-July a worker, on average, was earning $10.59 per hour for a 41.3-hour week, and making $437.37 in weekly earnings. This compares with $10.54 per hour for a 41.7-hour week, at $439.52 in Average Weekly Earnings one month ago. The year-ago figures were $10.29 per hour for a 41.6-hour week, with $428.06 in Average Weekly Earnings.

The largest decrease in Average Weekly Earnings was in Durable Goods in Electric and Electronic Equipment, down by $15.79 over the month. Other large losses were in Instruments and Related Products, which decreased by $11.31, in Transportation Equipment, down by $7.88, and in Lumber and Wood Products, which went down by $7.67. Smaller losses occurred in Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, Oil Field Machinery (within Machinery, Excluding Electric) and in Stone, Clay and Glass Products. The only gains in Durables were in Furniture and Fixtures, up by $1.14, Primary Metal Industries, up by $4.81 and in Fabricated Metal Products, up by $3.05.

The largest loss in Nondurables in Average Weekly Earnings was in Textile Mill Products, down $13.08 over the month. There were more gains than losses in Average Weekly Earnings in Nondurables. These included Meat Products and Malt Beverages (under Food and Kindred Products), Printing and Publishing, Chemicals and Allied Products, and Petroleum and Coal Products (including Petroleum Refining).

TEC ACTIVITIES

	July'90	July'89
Total Population	17,144,900*	16,991,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.5
UI Covered Employers	314,979	308,789
Total Claims Actions	527,925	484,122
Total Initial Claims Actions	61,874	62,300
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	466,051	421,822
Total Placements	41,512	39,244
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$156.88	$154.24
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$58,712,385	$52,044,776

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TEXAS NONFARM JOBS INCREASE IN AUGUST

Statewide Jobless Rate Drops Slightly

Between July and August 1990, the actual Texas unemployment rate dropped from 6.3 percent to 5.9 percent–its lowest level since March. The number of jobless Texans declined to just over half a million in August, while total employment also dipped slightly over the month. Much of the decrease in both unemployment and total employment was due to seasonal factors. Many unsuccessful summer jobseekers withdrew from the labor force in August, and a sizeable number of seasonal jobs were cut as the summer wound to a close. The current unemployment rate of 5.9 percent was considerably below the August 1989 rate of 7.2 percent, when there were over 600,000 Texans looking for work.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate fell from 6.2 percent in July to 5.9 percent in August–very much below the 7.3 percent rate recorded in August 1989. The actual U.S. rate fell slightly from 5.5 percent to 5.4 percent,while the U.S. seasonally adjusted rate rose from 5.5 percent in July to 5.6 percent in August. The year-ago national rates were 5.1 (actual) and 5.3 (seasonally adjusted).

Nonfarm Jobs Increase Seasonally

There were 6,000 more Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas during August compared to July, as **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** totaled 6,936,300 in mid-August. Since August 1989, the number of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs has risen by 132,800.

Total **Nonmanufacturing** in Texas increased by 3,000 from July to August with 5,970,000 total jobs, as seasonal factors played a part in almost all of the changes.

The largest gain was in **Construction**, which rose by 2,900 jobs to a total of 330,700. This was 10,200 more jobs than in August 1989.

Wholesale and Retail Trade went up by 1,900 from July to August. The change from the year-ago figure of 1,694,800 represented an increase of 19,300 jobs. Retail Trade increased

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Aug.'90	July '90	Aug.'89
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	126,011.0	126,899.0	125,444.0
Unemployment	6,837.0	6,945.0	6,352.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.4%**	**5.5%**	**5.1%**
Total Employment	119,174.0	119,954.0	119,092.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,661.0	124,767.0	124,070.0
Unemployment	7,003.0	6,814.0	6,520.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.6%**	**5.5%**	**5.3%**
Total Employment	117,658.0	117,953.0	117,550.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,458.7	8,527.9	8,620.7
Unemployment	500.9	537.6	621.8
Percent Unemployed	**5.9%**	**6.3%**	**7.2%**
Total Employment	7,957.8	7,990.3	7,998.9
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,325.0	8,371.0	8,496.0
Unemployment	492.0	518.0	624.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.9%**	**6.2%**	**7.3%**
Total Employment	7,833.0	7,853.0	7,872.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	AUG.'90*	JULY'90**	AUG.'89**	AUG.'90*	JULY'90**	AUG.'89**	AUG.'90*	JULY'90**	AUG.'89**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,300	52,500	53,100	97,300	98,300	100,200	425,300	428,300	436,500
Total Unemployment	3,200	4,200	3,800	4,500	5,200	5,900	19,200	21,100	26,000
Percent Unemployed	**6.2%**	**8.0%**	**7.2%**	**4.6%**	**5.3%**	**5.9%**	**4.5%**	**4.9%**	**6.0%**
Total Employment ++	48,100	48,300	49,300	92,800	93,100	94,300	406,100	407,200	410,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	164,600	166,100	166,800	87,700	88,200	87,900	108,200	109,900	107,400
Total Unemployment	12,100	13,000	15,500	4,700	5,100	6,500	11,700	12,600	14,000
Percent Unemployed	**7.4%**	**7.8%**	**9.3%**	**5.4%**	**5.8%**	**7.4%**	**10.8%**	**11.5%**	**13.0%**
Total Employment ++	152,500	153,100	151,300	83,000	83,100	81,400	96,500	97,300	93,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,800	60,800	60,600	158,500	160,000	162,200	1,450.0	1,457.7	1,481.6
Total Unemployment	2,000	2,300	2,900	10,600	11,300	14,500	74.2	77.5	90.5
Percent Unemployed	**3.3%**	**3.8%**	**4.8%**	**6.7%**	**7.1%**	**8.9%**	**5.1%**	**5.3%**	**6.1%**
Total Employment ++	58,800	58,500	57,700	147,900	148,700	147,700	1,375.8	1,380.2	1,391.1
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	253,900	255,300	255,600	736,200	739,700	747,500	111,600	113,000	114,000
Total Unemployment	26,000	27,300	27,300	36,600	39,900	47,400	7,600	8,200	8,500
Percent Unemployed	**10.2%**	**10.7%**	**10.7%**	**5.0%**	**5.4%**	**6.3%**	**6.8%**	**7.3%**	**7.5%**
Total Employment ++	227,900	228,000	228,300	699,600	699,800	700,100	104,000	104,800	105,500
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,718.3	1,729.1	1,727.9	99,600	100,600	99,900	52,900	53,500	52,500
Total Unemployment	90.5	95.1	110.9	6,700	7,000	7,600	4,600	5,100	5,800
Percent Unemployed	**5.3%**	**5.5%**	**6.4%**	**6.7%**	**7.0%**	**7.6%**	**8.7%**	**9.5%**	**11.0%**
Total Employment ++	1,627.8	1,634.0	1,617.0	92,900	93,600	92,300	48,300	48,400	46,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,800	81,200	82,500	115,900	115,900	116,300	152,800	155,800	155,000
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,800	7,300	6,000	6,300	6,600	24,300	25,300	27,400
Percent Unemployed	**6.7%**	**7.1%**	**8.8%**	**5.2%**	**5.4%**	**5.7%**	**15.9%**	**16.2%**	**17.7%**
Total Employment ++	75,400	75,400	75,200	109,900	109,600	109,700	128,500	130,500	127,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,200	49,800	50,600	51,100	51,400	53,700	43,600	44,500	46,100
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,900	3,400	3,000	3,400	5,000	2,400	2,700	2,800
Percent Unemployed	**5.5%**	**5.8%**	**6.7%**	**5.9%**	**6.6%**	**9.3%**	**5.5%**	**6.1%**	**6.1%**
Total Employment ++	46,500	46,900	47,200	48,100	48,000	48,700	41,200	41,800	43,300
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	608,600	615,000	626,700	46,600	47,000	48,200	57,000	57,600	58,900
Total Unemployment	42,400	45,200	49,700	2,400	2,500	2,800	3,300	3,900	4,300
Percent Unemployed	**7.0%**	**7.3%**	**7.9%**	**5.2%**	**5.3%**	**5.8%**	**5.8%**	**6.8%**	**7.3%**
Total Employment ++	566,200	569,800	577,000	44,200	44,500	45,400	53,700	53,700	54,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,400	75,700	77,300	36,400	36,900	36,800	93,000	94,100	96,000
Total Unemployment	4,800	4,800	5,800	1,800	2,000	2,400	5,600	6,000	6,500
Percent Unemployed	**6.4%**	**6.3%**	**7.5%**	**4.9%**	**5.4%**	**6.5%**	**6.0%**	**6.4%**	**6.8%**
Total Employment ++	70,600	70,900	71,500	34,600	34,900	34,400	87,400	88,100	89,500
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,800	56,300	58,100				8,458.7	8,527.9	8,620.7
Total Unemployment	3,400	3,600	3,800				500.9	537.6	621.8
Percent Unemployed	**6.1%**	**6.4%**	**6.5%**				**5.9%**	**6.3%**	**7.2%**
Total Employment ++	52,400	52,700	54,300				7,957.8	7,990.3	7,998.9

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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by 1,500 over the month, mostly in General Merchandise Stores.

Transportation and Public Utilities rose by 1,300 jobs to a total of 420,600. A seasonal gain in Transportation by Air was the cause for this increase.

Mining registered an increase of 700 from July, most of which occurred in Oil and Gas Extraction, which was up by 600 over the month.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate increased by 300, found mostly in Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers. Compared to a year ago, F.I.R.E. was up by 400.

Although **Services**, overall, fell by 2,400 jobs, that same figure was found as an increase in Health Services. With expansion of some extended care facilities, Nursing and Personal Care Facilities showed a sharp increase. Hospitals, Medical and Dental Labs and Other Health and Allied Services also showed increases due to a general upswing in health-related business. Decreases in Services occurred in Amusement, including Motion Pictures, down by 1,200 and in Other Services and Miscellaneous, down by 3,300 over the month. Smaller decreases were found in Hotels and Other Lodging Places, Personal Services and Business and Repair Services, all down by 200, and in Engineering and Management Services, down by 500. With preparations ongoing for the fall semester, the seasonal increase in educational staffing was indicated by an increase of 800 in Educational Services.

Government showed a loss of 1,700 over the month, although the current figure of 1,217,500 total jobs was up 32,600 from August 1989. Local Government showed the largest over-the-month loss, down by 1,600, as auxiliary workers received a break from summer school before the fall semester began.

Manufacturing jobs totaled 966,300, up by 3,000 from July, but down by 6,300 over the year. The largest monthly increase of 2,200 was found in **Nondurable Goods**. Food and Kindred Products was up by 1,600 due to seasonal hiring in Preserved Fruits and Vegetables. Smaller increases were found in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products, Petroleum and Coal Products and in Leather and Leather Products. The only losses in Nondurables were in Printing and Publishing (Newspaper, Periodicals, Books and Miscellaneous), down by 200, and in Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products, down by 100.

Durable Goods increased by 800 over the month, although the 551,700 total was down by 6,300 over the year. The largest increase in August occurred in Transportation Equipment, as recalls in Motor Vehicles and Equipment and Aircraft and Parts led to an increase of 1,700. An increase of 500 was found in Fabricated Metal Industries, while smaller increases of 100 each were found in Lumber and Wood Products (Logging Camps,

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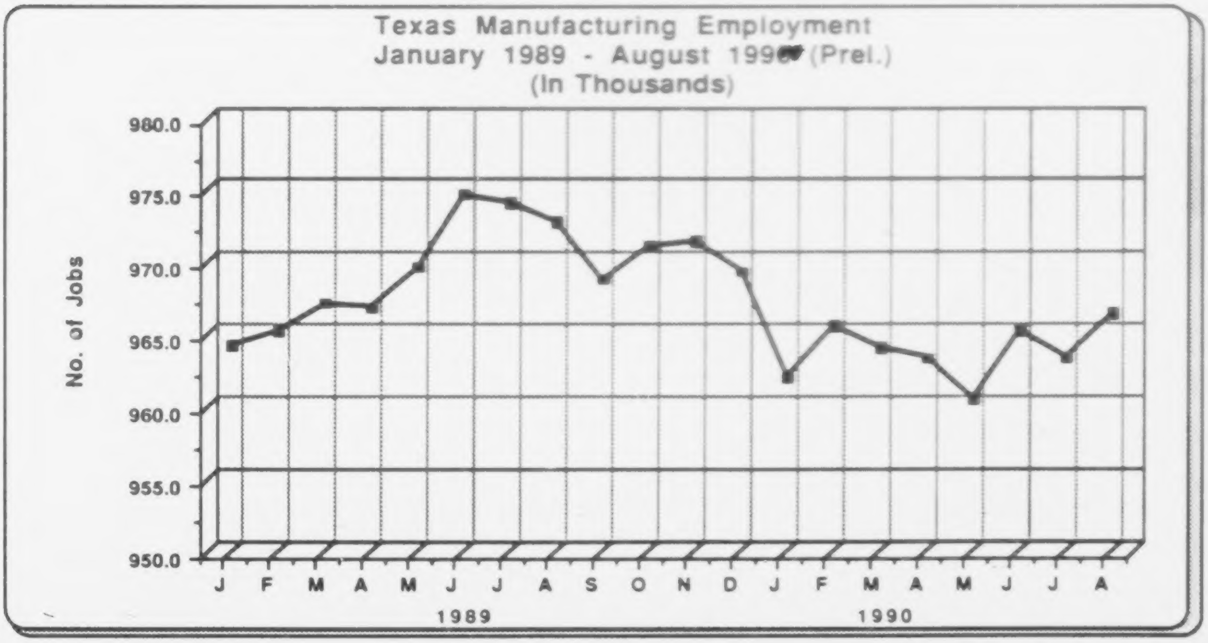

Texas Manufacturing Employment
January 1989 - August 1990 (Prel.)
(In Thousands)

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Aug. '90*	July '90**	Aug. '89**	Chg. from July '90	Chg. from Aug. '89
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,936,300**	**6,930,300**	**6,803,500**	**6,000**	**132,800**
MANUFACTURING	**966,300**	**963,300**	**972,600**	**3,000**	**-6,300**
Durable Goods	**551,700**	**550,900**	**558,000**	**800**	**-6,300**
Lumber & Wood Products	30,600	30,600	30,300	0	300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	6,900	6,800	100	200
Furniture & Fixtures	16,200	16,100	16,100	100	100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	35,300	35,400	37,000	-100	-1,700
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,700	14,800	16,400	-100	-1,700
Primary Metal Industries	29,400	29,200	29,600	200	-200
Fabricated Metal Industries	78,600	78,100	77,300	500	1,300
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	38,100	37,600	36,900	500	1,200
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	107,900	108,600	107,100	-700	800
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	24,200	24,200	23,300	0	900
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	103,900	104,600	107,200	-700	-3,300
Transportation Equipment	97,800	96,100	100,600	1,700	-2,800
Aircraft & Parts	70,300	69,500	72,200	800	-1,900
Instruments & Related Prod.	36,400	36,600	37,100	-200	-700
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	15,600	15,600	15,700	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	**414,600**	**412,400**	**414,600**	**2,200**	**0**
Food & Kindred Products	98,300	96,700	97,600	1,600	700
Meat Products	29,400	29,400	29,500	0	-100
Dairy Products	4,200	4,200	4,300	0	-100
Bakery Products	9,800	9,800	10,100	0	-300
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	100
Textile Mill Products	3,700	3,700	4,000	0	-300
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	53,300	53,100	57,000	200	-3,700
Paper & Allied Products	24,600	24,600	24,800	0	-200
Printing & Publishing	72,700	72,700	72,800	0	-100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	34,600	34,800	34,700	-200	-100
Chemicals & Allied Products	84,600	84,500	80,900	100	3,700
Petroleum & Coal Products	29,700	29,500	28,500	200	1,200
Petroleum Refining	26,400	26,200	25,400	200	1,000
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	40,500	40,600	41,200	-100	-700
Leather & Leather Products	7,100	7,000	7,700	100	-600
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,970,000**	**5,967,000**	**5,830,900**	**3,000**	**139,100**
Mining	**180,500**	**179,800**	**174,400**	**700**	**6,100**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,800	9,700	9,800	100	0
Oil & Gas Extraction	170,700	170,100	164,600	600	6,100
Construction	**330,700**	**327,800**	**320,500**	**2,900**	**10,200**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**420,600**	**419,300**	**403,800**	**1,300**	**16,800**
Railroad Transportation	18,700	18,700	20,000	0	-1,300
Other Transportation	237,100	235,800	222,600	1,300	14,500
Transportation by Air	76,600	74,800	68,700	1,800	7,900
Communications	87,000	87,100	84,300	-100	2,700
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,800	77,700	76,900	100	900
Electric Services	40,900	40,900	41,000	0	-100
Gas Production & Distribution	27,600	27,500	27,400	100	200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,714,100**	**1,712,200**	**1,694,800**	**1 900**	**19,300**
Wholesale Trade	429,300	428,900	427,600	400	1,700
Retail Trade	1,284,800	1,283,300	1,267,200	1,500	17,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,400	43,400	42,700	0	700
General Merchandise Stores	176,900	175,400	176,300	1,500	600
Food Stores	225,000	224,500	225,200	500	-200
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	137,200	137,100	137,900	100	-700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,300	83,100	84,600	200	-1,300
Eating & Drinking Places	437,000	437,900	421,900	-900	15,100
Other Retail Trade	182,000	181,900	178,600	100	3,400
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**434,000**	**433,700**	**433,600**	**300**	**400**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	133,400	133,500	134,500	-100	-1,100
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	142,300	142,000	139,900	300	2,400
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	158,300	158,200	159,200	100	-900
Services	**1,672,600**	**1,675,000**	**1,618,900**	**-2,400**	**53,700**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,900	86,100	86,200	-200	-300
Personal Services	79,500	79,700	76,200	-200	3,300
Business & Repair Services	417,900	418,100	411,000	-200	6,900
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	77,600	78,800	78,100	-1,200	-500
Health Services	470,200	467,800	449,200	2,400	21,000
Educational Services	78,000	77,200	72,200	800	5,800
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	150,500	151,000	141,600	-500	8,900
Other Services & Miscellaneous	313,000	316,300	304,400	-3,300	8,600
Total Government	**1,217,500**	**1,219,200**	**1,184,900**	**-1,700**	**32,600**
Federal Government	214,800	214,400	203,000	400	11,800
State Government	254,200	254,700	237,500	-500	16,700
Local Government	748,500	750,100	744,400	-1,600	4,100

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug.'90*	July '90**	Aug.'89**	Aug.'90*	July '90**	Aug.'89**	Aug.'90*	July '90**	Aug.'89**	Aug.'90*	July '90**	Aug.'89**
		ABILENE			**AMARILLO**			**AUSTIN**			**BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR**	
TOTAL	**47,600**	**47,600**	**47,400**	**76,900**	**76,900**	**76,300**	**361,900**	**361,100**	**355,900**	**139,200**	**139,200**	**134,700**
Manufacturing	4,400	4,500	4,800	8,500	8,700	8,800	45,800	45,600	44,800	25,100	25,100	24,700
Mining	1,400	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,100	1,300	600	600	700	1,700	1,700	1,500
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,500	3,700	3,600	3,700	11,300	11,200	11,400	10,800	10,700	10,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,600	5,700	5,500	5,700	11,200	11,200	11,300	9,600	9,700	9,500
Trade	13,300	13,200	13,200	22,100	21,900	22,200	77,900	78,000	78,900	32,800	32,900	32,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,200	2,200	2,300	3,900	3,900	4,000	24,000	24,000	23,900	5,400	5,400	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,500	13,200	17,800	17,900	17,400	94,200	94,100	92,000	33,700	33,400	31,600
Government	8,400	8,400	8,300	14,200	14,300	13,200	96,900	96,400	92,900	20,100	20,300	19,500
		BRAZORIA			**BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN**			**BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION**			**CORPUS CHRISTI**	
TOTAL	**64,800**	**64,800**	**61,900**	**75,500**	**76,100**	**72,500**	**52,200**	**51,600**	**49,800**	**129,500**	**130,000**	**126,900**
Manufacturing	16,500	16,500	16,100	10,900	10,800	10,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	11,900	12,000	11,600
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,100	—	—	—	500	500	500	3,400	3,400	3,400
Construction	9,600	9,600	8,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	1,800	1,700	1,700	10,000	10,400	9,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	3,400	3,300	3,200	1,500	1,500	1,300	6,600	6,600	6,900
Trade	12,000	11,900	11,600	20,500	20,400	19,800	11,600	11,200	11,400	32,100	32,200	32,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,800	3,800	3,700	1,800	1,700	1,700	6,300	6,200	6,300
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,200	8,900	17,500	18,300	16,700	9,500	9,500	9,200	30,500	30,600	29,800
Government	11,100	11,100	10,700	17,200	17,300	16,100	21,700	21,700	20,200	28,700	28,600	27,100
		DALLAS ***			**EL PASO**			**FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON**			**GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY**	
TOTAL	**1,364.2**	**1,362.5**	**1,344.9**	**207,000**	**206,100**	**201,700**	**579,800**	**577,800**	**565,700**	**75,900**	**76,400**	**75,400**
Manufacturing	221.6	221.8	224.3	41,500	40,700	42,200	118,600	117,300	120,600	8,600	8,800	8,900
Mining	17.6	17.5	17.5	—	—	—	4,000	4,000	3,900	600	600	500
Construction	46.9	46.6	48.4	8,200	8,200	8,400	21,500	21,400	21,800	6,200	6,300	6,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	80.5	80.4	78.6	10,700	10,900	10,300	56,200	56,100	52,600	5,300	5,400	4,800
Trade	360.2	358.3	347.6	53,300	52,900	51,600	147,300	146,500	146,000	14,500	14,400	14,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	128.8	128.6	130.5	8,300	8,500	8,500	28,000	27,800	28,200	4,600	4,700	4,500
Services & Misc.	351.4	351.6	349.9	43,100	43,200	41,900	129,800	130,200	125,100	14,400	14,300	14,100
Government	157.2	157.7	148.1	41,900	41,700	38,800	74,400	74,500	67,500	21,700	21,900	22,000
		HOUSTON ***			**KILLEEN-TEMPLE**			**LAREDO**			**LONGVIEW-MARSHALL**	
TOTAL	**1,556.2**	**1,556.6**	**1,506.0**	**74,100**	**74,300**	**73,300**	**44,400**	**44,100**	**41,800**	**69,000**	**68,800**	**66,900**
Manufacturing	165.9	165.5	163.3	8,800	8,800	8,700	1,800	1,800	1,700	16,300	16,400	16,000
Mining	70.1	69.1	65.6	—	—	—	1,700	1,700	1,600	3,500	3,500	3,500
Construction	103.4	101.2	97.8	3,200	3,200	3,400	1,300	1,200	1,300	3,800	3,700	3,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	107.5	107.6	106.9	2,600	2,600	2,700	6,100	6,100	5,800	3,400	3,400	3,300
Trade	375.0	375.5	369.7	16,800	16,800	16,800	14,300	14,100	13,600	17,100	16,900	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	102.8	102.7	101.7	3,200	3,300	3,100	1,900	1,900	1,800	2,600	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	433.8	436.9	415.4	17,500	17,500	17,300	7,400	7,400	7,000	13,800	13,700	13,000
Government	197.7	198.1	185.6	22,000	22,100	21,300	9,900	9,900	9,000	8,500	8,500	8,300
		LUBBOCK			**MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION**			**MIDLAND**			**ODESSA**	
TOTAL	**96,700**	**96,100**	**94,100**	**97,500**	**98,300**	**94,200**	**44,700**	**44,800**	**43,900**	**42,700**	**42,500**	**42,400**
Manufacturing	7,200	7,200	7,400	12,600	12,500	13,100	2,300	2,300	2,400	4,200	4,200	4,100
Mining	200	200	300	900	900	900	8,500	8,600	8,700	4,900	4,800	5,200
Construction	3,400	3,500	3,200	4,600	4,500	4,200	1,500	1,400	1,400	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,500	5,500	4,900	2,900	2,900	3,100	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,900
Trade	28,200	28,300	27,400	30,900	31,200	29,400	11,100	11,100	10,700	12,800	12,800	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,500	4,400	4,400	4,100	2,400	2,400	2,400	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	23,900	23,700	23,600	16,600	16,600	15,800	9,800	9,800	9,500	7,800	7,800	7,600
Government	22,900	22,300	21,800	24,600	25,300	23,600	6,800	6,900	6,500	7,500	7,400	7,400
		SAN ANGELO			**SAN ANTONIO**			**SHERMAN-DENISON**			**TEXARKANA**	
TOTAL	**35,600**	**35,700**	**36,200**	**511,400**	**513,000**	**508,500**	**36,500**	**36,500**	**36,700**	**46,200**	**46,200**	**46,100**
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	5,400	45,700	46,300	48,800	10,900	10,900	11,100	7,100	7,100	7,200
Mining	600	600	500	2,200	2,200	2,200	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,200	21,500	21,400	21,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,800	19,600	19,900	19,700	1,300	1,300	1,600	2,400	2,400	2,300
Trade	8,800	8,800	9,200	133,300	132,800	130,800	8,200	8,100	8,100	10,900	10,900	11,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,600	1,700	40,600	40,500	40,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,800	8,700	134,800	135,300	132,800	8,400	8,500	8,300	11,100	11,100	10,500
Government	7,100	7,300	6,700	113,700	114,600	111,500	4,100	4,100	4,000	11,300	11,300	11,600
		TYLER			**VICTORIA**			**WACO**			**WICHITA FALLS**	
TOTAL	**61,600**	**62,100**	**60,800**	**28,200**	**28,200**	**27,300**	**80,100**	**80,300**	**79,700**	**49,800**	**49,900**	**50,300**
Manufacturing	10,900	11,000	10,600	3,100	3,100	3,000	15,700	15,700	15,600	8,000	8,000	8,500
Mining	1,600	1,600	1,700	1,500	1,500	1,300	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,500
Construction	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,900	2,000	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800	1,300	1,300	1,300	3,500	3,500	3,400	2,600	2,600	2,500
Trade	16,300	16,400	16,300	7,900	7,700	7,600	18,800	18,800	18,600	11,800	11,800	11,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,500	3,400	1,500	1,500	1,500	5,100	5,100	5,100	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	15,500	15,500	15,200	5,800	5,800	6,000	22,100	22,000	21,500	12,600	12,600	12,600
Government	9,400	9,600	9,100	5,200	5,300	5,000	11,700	12,000	12,500	9,500	9,600	9,500

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG.'90*	JULY'90	AUG.'89	AUG.'90*	JULY'90	AUG.'89	AUG.'90*	JULY'90	AUG.'89
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 440.99	$ 437.37	$ 427.84	41.8	41.3	41.7	$ 10.55	$10.59	$10.26
Durable Goods	436.18	425.58	431.34	41.9	41.0	42.0	10.41	10.38	10.27
Lumber & Wood Products	319.92	312.28	314.03	43.0	42.2	42.9	7.44	7.40	7.32
Furniture & Fixtures	286.71	269.19	280.76	40.9	38.9	39.6	7.01	6.92	7.09
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	417.42	419.87	409.49	42.9	42.8	42.7	9.73	9.81	9.59
Primary Metal Industries	505.76	503.18	450.72	43.6	44.1	40.9	11.60	11.41	11.02
Fabricated Metal Products	402.80	397.42	386.91	42.4	42.1	42.8	9.50	9.44	9.04
Machinery, exc. Electric	430.86	423.91	413.17	42.2	40.8	41.4	10.21	10.39	9.98
Oil Field Machinery	523.48	520.05	497.36	46.0	45.9	43.4	11.38	11.33	11.46
Electric & Electronic Equip.	469.90	458.22	504.42	40.3	39.4	42.0	11.66	11.63	12.01
Transportation Equipment	563.78	540.68	569.83	41.7	40.5	43.3	13.52	13.35	13.16
Instruments & Related Prod.	419.38	402.19	398.29	41.4	39.9	40.6	10.13	10.08	9.81
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	296.60	279.37	278.98	39.6	37.2	37.7	7.49	7.51	7.40
Nondurable Goods	447.02	451.19	424.76	41.7	41.7	41.4	10.72	10.82	10.26
Food & Kindred Products	368.05	361.24	354.86	43.3	42.3	42.6	8.50	8.54	8.33
Meat Products	287.97	282.74	273.07	43.5	43.1	41.5	6.62	6.56	6.58
Malt Beverages	835.36	882.53	822.57	44.6	46.4	44.9	18.73	19.02	18.32
Textile Mill Products	338.84	317.18	320.78	43.0	41.3	43.0	7.88	7.68	7.46
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	212.41	211.12	203.68	37.2	37.7	38.0	5.71	5.60	5.36
Paper & Allied Products	487.46	489.34	492.80	43.1	43.0	44.0	11.31	11.38	11.20
Printing & Publishing	432.39	419.60	406.50	40.6	40.0	39.2	10.65	10.49	10.37
Chemicals & Allied Products	695.84	717.44	683.52	42.9	43.8	42.8	16.22	16.38	15.97
Petroleum & Coal Products	739.28	790.94	690.64	43.9	46.2	43.3	16.84	17.12	15.95
Petroleum Refining	765.62	822.67	716.69	43.7	46.4	43.2	17.52	17.73	16.59
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	394.57	396.15	367.28	42.2	41.7	41.5	9.35	9.50	8.85
Leather & Leather Products	255.19	252.98	236.61	39.2	39.1	39.5	6.51	6.47	5.99
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	614.72	619.24	512.62	45.2	45.2	39.8	13.60	13.70	12.88
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	618.12	588.64	561.93	51.0	49.8	47.5	12.12	11.82	11.83
Oil & Gas Extraction	614.66	621.42	508.82	44.8	44.9	39.2	13.72	13.84	12.98
Communications	541.78	550.44	509.04	41.2	41.7	40.4	13.15	13.20	12.60
Elec., Gas & San. Services	558.78	571.43	511.71	42.3	42.9	41.3	13.21	13.32	12.39
Wholesale & Retail Trade	242.22	245.82	238.98	33.0	33.4	33.1	7.34	7.36	7.22
Wholesale Trade	413.70	422.68	413.82	39.4	39.8	39.6	10.50	10.62	10.45
Retail Trade	190.64	192.17	185.67	31.1	31.4	31.1	6.13	6.12	5.97
General Merchandise Stores	187.57	194.04	183.00	30.4	31.5	30.0	6.17	6.16	6.10
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	282.30	306.15	279.00	36.1	39.0	37.2	7.82	7.85	7.50

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 451.34	$ 437.00	$ 443.70	42.3	41.5	42.5	$ 10.67	$ 10.53	$ 10.44
Durable Goods	478.13	457.88	482.85	42.5	41.4	43.5	11.25	11.06	11.10
Nondurable Goods	405.17	400.61	375.25	41.9	41.6	40.7	9.67	9.63	9.22
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	468.03	454.58	450.59	41.2	40.3	41.0	11.36	11.28	10.99
Durable Goods	494.56	475.07	472.56	41.7	40.5	41.2	11.86	11.73	11.47
Nondurable Goods	407.02	406.76	397.76	40.1	39.8	40.3	10.15	10.22	9.87
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	531.91	534.26	510.26	44.4	43.9	43.5	11.98	12.17	11.73
Durable Goods	459.90	452.17	432.19	45.0	43.9	43.7	10.22	10.30	9.89
Nondurable Goods	619.23	633.04	607.93	43.7	43.9	43.3	14.17	14.42	14.04
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	313.22	317.95	302.65	39.9	40.4	40.3	7.85	7.87	7.51
Durable Goods	336.40	337.05	338.25	40.0	39.7	41.0	8.41	8.49	8.25
Nondurable Goods	289.74	298.39	268.88	39.8	41.1	39.6	7.28	7.26	6.79

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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Sawmills, Planing Mills) and in Furniture and Fixtures. Primary Metal Industries were up by 200. The largest losses in Durables were in Industrial Machinery and Equipment and in Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment, both down by 700 jobs. A plant closing in Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment accounted for one-half of the downturn. Instruments and Related Products registered a loss of 200, while Stone, Clay and Glass Products lost 100.

Average Weekly Earnings Increase

For the estimated 628,200 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings decreased by four cents from July to August 1990. Average Weekly Hours were up by five-tenths of an hour, as Average Weekly Earnings increased by $3.62 over the month. This was $13.15 above the August 1989 level of $427.84 per week.

In mid-August a worker, on average, was earning $10.55 per hour for a 41.8-hour week, and making $440.99 in weekly earnings. This compared with $10.59 per hour for a 41.3-hour week, at $437.37 in Average Weekly Earnings one month ago. The year-ago figures were $10.26 per hour for a 41.7-hour week, with $427.84 in Average Weekly Earnings.

Average Weekly Earnings in Durable Goods increased by $10.60 over the month. Compared to one year ago, the increase was $4.84. The largest gain in Durables was in Transportation Equipment, which was up by $23.10 over the month. Other significant gains were found in Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries, Instruments and Related Products and in Furniture and Fixtures, all with increases of at least $17.00. Electric and Electronic Equipment rose by $11.68. Lumber and Wood Products showed an increase of $7.64 from July to August. The only loss in Durables was small and was found in Stone, Clay and Glass Products, down by $2.45.

Weekly earnings in Nondurable Goods decreased by $4.17. The largest losses in Nondurables were registered in Petroleum and Coal Products (down by $51.66), which includes Petroleum Refining (down by $57.05) and in Malt Beverages (part of Food and Kindred Products), down by $47.17. Chemicals and Allied Products were down by $21.60. Smaller losses occurred in Paper and Allied Products and in Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products.

The largest gains in Average Weekly Earnings in Nondurables were in Textile Mill Products, up by $21.66 per week, and in Printing and Publishing, up by $12.79 per week. Other increases were seen in Food and Kindred Products, up by $6.81, of which Meat Products provided $5.23 of the gain.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Aug. '90	Aug. '89
Total Population	17,157,800*	17,003,900*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.5
UI Covered Employers	315,093	309,550
Total Claims Actions	551,092	570,492
Total Initial Claims Actions	63,850	62,551
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	487,242	507,941
Total Placements	34,991	38,615
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$156.08	$153.54
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$62,123,485	$63,357,573

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